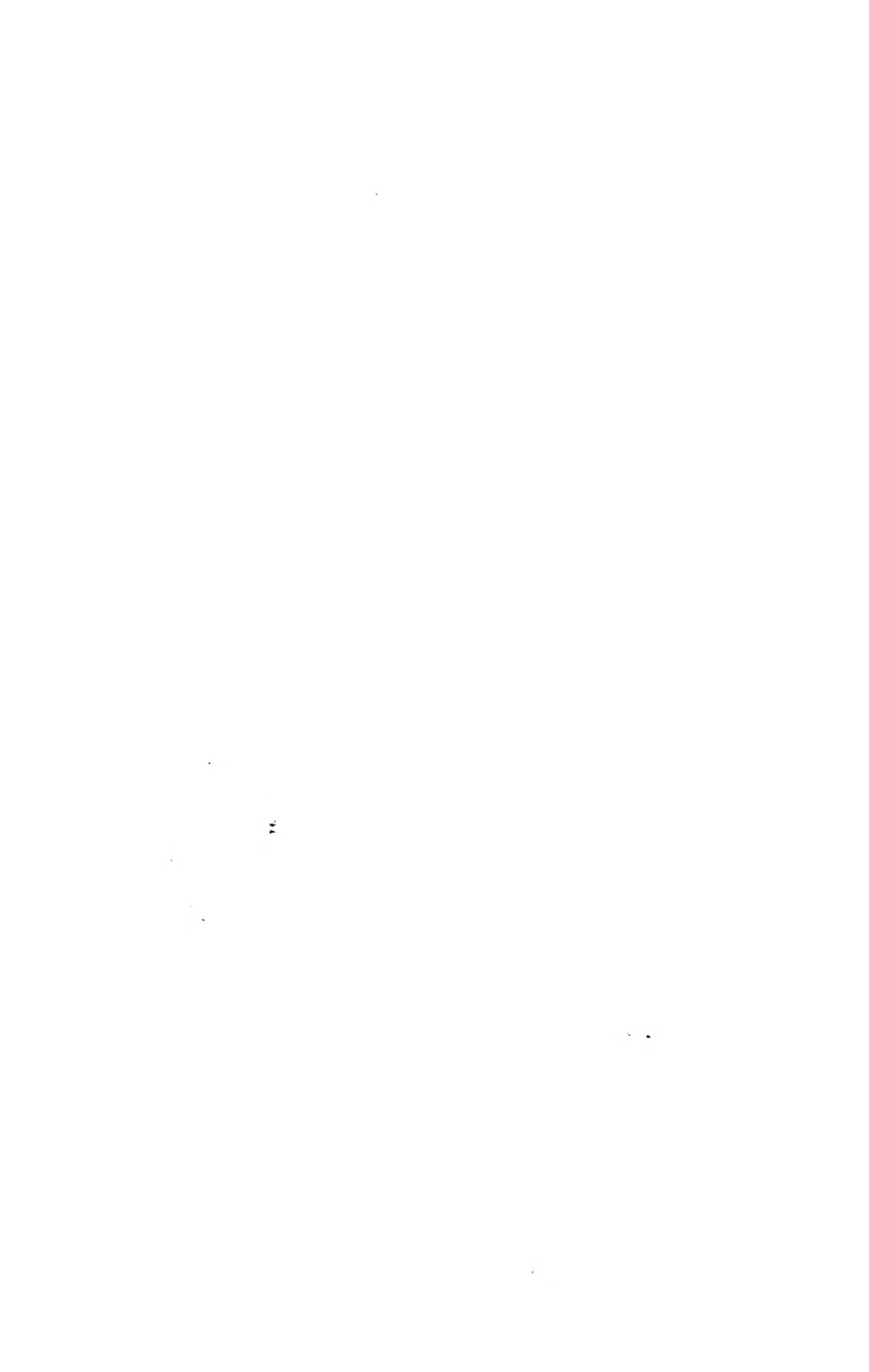


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Vincent C. Reinsborough
January 16, 1965

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Hobart, Tasmania, Aust.
January 16, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

I should be sending in another book report soon for the Junior Clergy Exams. It's rather a slack period now so I can do some extra reading and writing. Things don't move very quickly in Hobart in summertime. The temperature has been very comfortable. It was supposed to hit 95 degrees yesterday but an unexpected cloud cover set it down around 75.

I am in need of an Ordo. I tried to buy one here but for some odd reason they are only issued in July for the following year. So if there's a spare copy around, I would appreciate your sending me it. I'll be able to say Office once again.

It sounds like we have a lot of sick Basilians. Any improvement in the sick list?

I can just see Father T.A. MacDonald delighting to catch you up on some detail like the mistake in Father Carr's death. He wouldn't let you get away with that.

(N.B. Letter should be dated 1966 not 1965

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January 16, 1965

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I got a letter two days ago from Father Fischette at St. John Fisher College, from one St. John Fisher College to another. Visitations must have almost all of you out on lengthy road trips.

I was just reading the recommendations made by the Eastern Canada Regional Conference in the Basilian Teacher and was quite impressed. The B.T. sent me this copy by air mail for which I was quite delighted. No need to send the Ordo air mail.

Not much to report in the way of academic progress as this is a slack period. I will be doing one hour a week of formal teaching and three hours demonstrating when the term begins in March.

There is a constant drone of radio announcers everywhere you go these days as Australia and England battle it out for the Ashes in the cricket test matches. Australia is now in a bad way but the next week will be crucial. I knew practically nothing about the game before arriving here and cared even less for it. But the constant barrage of proaganda is slowly making inroads and I have even caught myself watching it on television for an hour or so. It is

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January 16, 1965

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beamed here direct from Sydney or Melbourne.
This is quite an engineering feat as Tasmania is
150 miles across the Bass Strait from Australia.

Lent is coming up and Australia has the full
observance of fast and abstinence. Not like
soft old Canada. I should lose a stone or so
this year.

Yours in Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

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Toronto)

Vincent C. Reinsborough
August 26, 1965

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Hobart, Tas., Australia
August 26, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Finally arrived here and was delighted to receive the Basilian Newsletter. Please keep them coming. Great set-up here at St. John Fisher College. Whole University of Tasmania is housed in modern buildings. I report to work tomorrow. Wintry weather of 60 degrees is not hard to take. I will be writing to Father Robert Fischette soon.

In Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

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Vincent C. Reinsborough
September 11, 1965

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St. John Fisher College
College Road
Dynnyrne
HOBART
Tasmania, Australia
September 11, 1965.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your newsy and delightful letter along with the accompanying Forestell chronicle. Father Terry Forestell certainly puts together a fascinating story. He should publish his account in some adventure and travel book like Morton's "In the Steps of St. Paul", or something like that.

Before I forget about it, my telephone number is 2-1106. No direct dialling in this part of creation yet. I refuse to answer "Collect" calls! I haven't made much use of the telephone system here yet so I don't know how good the service is. I imagine it is pretty good as Tasmania is trying terribly hard to live in the 20th century. I have been pleasantly surprised by how modern this backwoods of Australia is. All the latest comforts and conveniences are here except for central heating. That should scare you away! If I have to sleep with four blankets that should mean a good ten for you. Rooms are equipped with electric heaters but even in the winter you need them only in the evening and night. Summer evenings are cool too due to an Antarctic breeze that blows in from the south about supper time. After all, if you consult your atlas, you will see that Hobart is at the Estuary of the Derwent which empties into the Antarctic Ocean. How would you like to live at

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September 11, 1965

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the mouth of a river that emptied into the Arctic? Sort of scares you. But I can assure you that this fright is purely imaginary. The University itself has central heating. My lab is at the sunlight drenched corner of the Chemistry building so I have no complaints.

I am well settled now although I may be moved to another room when the school year ends in November. The Rector claims that the room I am in now is too small and he wants to give me a larger room but I don't mind the room I am in at the present moment. The view from my window is something you would have to pay \$100,000 for in San Francisco. The College is set high up on one of the foothills of Mt. Wellington that towers over the city and from my present position I look down upon the modern university campus which is for the most part shielded by gum or eucalyptus trees a good 500 feet below me. Beyond that and entirely visible is the residential suburb of Sandy Bay where the Archbishop lives. This is the "Forest Hill" section of Hobart. The water's edge is less than a mile away and my window gives me a commanding view of the mooring basin of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club. I see several sails out on the river now. The far bank of the estuary is about three miles away. It rises quickly into mountainous hills that form a truly magnificent backdrop. To my left and again clearly visible is the city itself with its new bridge with its clean smooth lines. The bridge itself is twice as long as the famous Sydney bridge. The city itself is old, second oldest in Australia after Sydney, but clean. You never see a rundown house. And there are lots of modern buildings going up. To my right,

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I cannot quite see the open sea as the ten mile long estuary of the Derwent becomes choked at its mouth with islands and headlands that make the whole estuary probably the largest harbour in the world. Behind me is the primitive Tasmanian bush which covers most of the island and which yields only grudgingly to land-clearing schemes. The climate, the scenery, everything here reminds me of Vancouver except, of course, for the rain and fog. It has rained once since I have been here and that was at night. As a matter of fact, the view of the lights of the city that I get at night recalls a similar sight of Vancouver city that Father Gerald McGuigan showed me from Queen Elizabeth Park.

Before I get carried away by further poetic passages, I had better quit while I am ahead. I will start running out of vocabulary soon. And paper.

Yours in Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

P.S. If you ever come this way, bring your own ice cream. It's expensive here.

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Vincent C. Reinsborough
November 7, 1965

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University of Tasmania
Department of Chemistry
Box 252C, G.P.O., Hobart
Tasmania, Australia
November 7, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your newsy letter. It helps to bring me up to date to such that is going on in the Community and the Toronto area. Apparently, you are in the throes of a federal election ow. Now and then, there will be a short clip in the Australian newspapers about it. It usually says something about the general apathy towards an election at this time. The Australian 'Time' is just the American version with Australian ads. Nevertheless, it is a big seller here.

Archbishop Tweedy, formerly Bishop of Hobart, died in Melbourne and was buried there. A Requiem Mass was offered here for him but I didn't know about it and didn't go. There was surprising little public manifestation here over his death. He couldn't have been too popular. The present Archbishop here is so vital that anyone would pael in comparision with him. When he is here, everything hums with activity. He should be returning frm the Council soon. He usually returns with a few new ideas that he wants to implement. The local clergy are already shuddering. They find it hard to keep pace with him.

One thing I wanted to ask you about: in the Junior Priests Examination for 1965-66, I am confused about the options. I have already submitted a 'written theological conference'

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November 7, 1965

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which should reach you in a few weeks' time as I submitted it by surface mail. This was a summary of a conference that I gave to a local Liturgy Group. Apparently, three pieces of work must be submitted. So, I have two more to go. Do I choose any two works from Groups II, III, & IV? Can they both be from the same Group?

Things are going along very well here. I am elbow deep in my work now and should be turning out a few numbers in a few weeks time. Gorgeous weather now as spring slips into summer.

Yours in Christ,

Vincent Reinsborough, CSB

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Vincent C. Reinsborough
March 28, 1966

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St. John Fisher College,
Hobart, Tasmania, Aust.,
March 28, 1966.

Dear Father Scollard,

Your little 'bidoux' tacked on to the official Basilian Newsletters are very much appreciated. They keep me ever so much in touch with what is going on in the Community - even allowing me to read between the lines sometimes! Your latest one arrived today in the afternoon mail. It was mailed on the 22nd so that isn't bad for travelling halfway around the world.

I got a letter today also from Gerry Lalonde. Only trouble was that he wrote it in French. Since he's been to Paris, he's putting on airs with his fancy, elegant French. If he had written in good old French-Canadian 'patois', I wouldn't have had any trouble. Since he was obviously rubbishing me, I took great pains to get a literal translation.

I haven't gotten around to writing the last book report for the Young Clergy Exam for the simple reason that the books in the categories from which I have not chosen any are not easily available here. However, I will keep searching and perhaps a copy might turn up. If not, I will choose some fitting substitute. Perhaps you could suggest a few.

I've been doing lots of Sunday work lately as the parish priest in the neighboring parish is in hospital and I have been saying his Masses for him. It means three Masses on Sunday with preaching but it hasn't been an inconvenience so far. The people are gradually catching on

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March 28, 1966.

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to my accent. I'm usually referred to as the "young Yankee priest". They do not distinguish here between American and Canadian. Much to my concern at times. They will ask questions like, "What are you doing for the Negro?" and conveniently forget about the White Australia policy. Father Lec Sands would have been proud to have seen me on TV the other night. I did a five minute sermonette which was on the Tasmanian network. Fortunately, the Catholic Church has weathered worse storms.

The autumn is in the air. Today was nippy - about 50 degrees. I had to put on an extra blanket last night. The apples that Tasmania is famous for in Europe and the British Isles are now being loaded on the ships. The harbour is clogged with shipping now.

Easter will bring with it a few days of holidays. I haven't any plans yet for this time but I shall be wanting to get away as things have been rather hectic lately. I will probably go to Launceston, Tasmania's other city, where the Franciscans have been persistently after me to visit.

With the appointments out, you must be having it pretty easy. But I'm sure Father T.A. MacDonald is keeping you on your toes with his taunts. He doesn't give up easily.

Yours in Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

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Vincent C. Reinsborough
April 1966

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Thank you for the Ordo which showed up today.
I'll send the report back when I send the last
instalment of the Junior Clergy Exam in a few
weeks time.

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

(Transcribed from an airmail postcard to
Father Robert Scollard, deposited in the
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Toronto)

Vincent C. Reinsborough
May 4, 1966

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University of Tasmania
Box 252C, G.P.O., Hobart, Tasmania
May 4, 1966

Dear Father Scollard,

Here is the last instalment of my book reports for my Junior Clergy Exam. Since none of the books on your list were available here, I took the liberty of writing a report on a book that I was currently reading. I hope that is all right. I'll send this by airmail so that I won't be too far behind the deadline. Your report on the Western USA Regional meeting I shall send by ordinary mail so you can be expecting that to arrive in about six weeks' time.

Thanks for all your bits of news. I did know quite a few of the scientists on the Royal Society of Canada list of new members.

How did you get around your constitutional problem? Scholastics are always a question mark when planning ahead so that electing them to committees and conventions and the like is always a bit of a risk. You must be running into lots of constitutional problems and headaches with the present regional system. I suppose you must still keep records of all the regions even though each region has its own secretary for meetings and the like.

Our winter comes in fits and starts. One day it's 45 degrees and the next it's 75. I guess I'll survive. But I'm up to five blankets now at night. Still a ways to go before I get in your league!

Vincent C. Reinsborough
May 4, 1966

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The University starts a three week holiday on May 16. I don't plan on taking any more than just a few days off as I'll be spending three weeks in August on the mainland. I hope you have a good summer. How does it look for recruits for next year? Are we going to lose many?

In Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

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Vincent C. Reinsborough
August 3, 1966

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The University of Tasmania
Box 252C, Hobart, Tasmania
August 3, 1966

Dear Father Scollard,

I suppose you will soon be moving over to Rochester for the Convention. This will be only added work for you. Since the introduction of these Regions, I imagine the paper work has just about doubled. And this Convention will mean even more.

Thanks again for your little messages tacked on to the official ones. Sometimes, these items capture my attention more than the formal ones!

I'm disappointed to hear that Ken Cashion is not happy in his role as priest-scientist. I've always looked up to him as a guide. It's going to be harder in my own situation with him not around.

The weather has been delightful for winter. I fear winter is over now as the last few days have seen the Japanese and other types of cherry trees burst out in pink blossoms. The day is certainly lengthening, too.

I concelebrated the other evening with the Archbishop and 24 priests of the diocese at an Ordination Mass. Concelebration is very popular here and, each morning, the Rector and I usually do so. This isn't the case this week as the Rector is saying a 5:30 p.m. Mass to try to get more Mass attendance. Don't forget - we are in the midst of our school year so we are going "flat out" on studies.

Judy LaMarsh is in Australia now trying to sell Expo '67 to "down under". She might be helped

Vincent C. Reinsborough
August 3, 1966

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mightily in April, 1967 when the airlines are hoping to bring in a 40% reduction in fares for the trans-Pacific run. If it comes in, I might even try to get to Canada for centennial year.

Just about time for bed, so I'll sign off here. I hope things don't get too hectic for you at the Convention.

Yours in Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

P.S. I am using a long envelope just to let you know that we have bts here in case you need any.

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Michel Deglène
January 21, 1965

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
January 21, 1965.

Dear Father Scollard,

I received your letter yesterday and I am going to answer it right away. Thank you very much for all the news you give.

First of all, I hope you received the note announcing Father Epitalon's death. He died just of old age. He had been unwell for the past few months but nothing too special, he was just going down steadily. I told Father Jean Roure you may be interested about details concerning Father Epitalon's life. He told me Father Charles Roure had sent in all the information available for Father Epitalon's golden jubilee.

I have one question on my mind, and it is this: Have you news about my Junior Priests' exam? I would like to know if I passed it or if I must re-write it. I know I waited a long time before sending it in, but maybe by now a decision has been taken in this regard. If you know something about it, would you be kind enough to let me know about it.

I believe there is a little something inaccurate you put in the Basilian Annals regarding Annonay. Your words: "The French government ... pays salaries for teachers who possess a Licence." In fact the State pays much more than that. First of all teachers who were on duty before the law was passed got a "certificat d'exercices" if they didn't have a diploma. Such teachers are well paid. For instance, a man like Father Lucine Brot who is a beneficiary of the law because he has been on duty for some fifteen years

Michel Deglène
January 21, 1965

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or more, has a salary which is above that of a young man with a licence in his first years' teaching. Secondly there is a whole range of degrees for which you get paid. For instance with your baccalauréat only, you can teach first and second year high school and you are paid, but of course your salary corresponds to your level of instruction. If you have one year university you can teach third year high school and so forth. So you see there is much more to it than that which seems to be indicated in the Annals.

There are men who are not paid by the contract. They are: the director as director (if he teaches periods he gets paid for them), the bursar, all the supervisors, i.e. prefects.

At Annonay we have to consider one other law when talking about teachers. Some 120 of our students have their studies, or part of them, paid by the State. Only few Catholic schools are permitted to receive such boys. We can do it but to keep this privilege we must have half of the total number of periods taught by men with a licentiate. This second law has nothing to do with the contract but is far harder on us.

Here in Annonay there is nothing new. Father Francis Orsini arrives on Tuesday. Father Leonard McCann has been with us for the past few weeks. Everyone seems well. Two of our students were in the hospital. They were struck by a truck and one is seriously injured.

Weather is not too good. I wonder how Father Orsini will make out. I just read his article in the last issue of the Basilian Teacher.

Michel Deglène
January 21, 1965

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Well, Father, it's about all for today. May God bless you, your work and our entire Congregation.

Yours in Christ,

Michel Deglène, C.S.B.

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Michel Deglène
August 7, 1966

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Maison Saint-Basile
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)
August 7, 1966

Dear Father Scollard,

I hope you are not too busy with the Basilian
Convention; I hope everything goes well.

I suppose you received all the information re-
garding the Orders for the three Basilians who
were ordained subdeacons and deacons. Father
Kevin Kirley did not answer my letter but I
suppose is too busy to send a note.

You must have by now my report and financial
statement for the year. I closed the house on
August 1st; scholastics are in Annonay and I do
live just off the house, looking after the par-
ish until August 13th.

Georges Beaune wrote me yesterday; he is getting
ready for the convention.

I am enclosing the only thing I found on Father
Charles Roume. The short write up in Mon Col-
lège was excellent. Have a good month of August.
May God bless you and your work.

Yours in Christ,

Michel Deglène.

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the general archives of the Basilian Fathers
in Toronto)

Michel Deglène
September 21, 1966

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Maison Saint-Basile
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)
September 21st, 1966

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you very much for the many news you gave me on the Congregation and people I know in Canada.

I heard quite a bit about the Convention, especially through our representatives on their way back to Annonay. Of course George Beaune is a first hand source. He arrived here on September 15, and now he is looking around and getting settled. It is going to be a big change for him with the Novitiate.

Yesterday I drove back from Annonay with our three new scholastics. I hope they will do good studies and that the mixing of French and North American boys is going to be profitable to the entire group.

You asked me for news regarding the house. I do not believe extraordinary things have taken place during the year. As for repairs it is only that which you call, I believe, ordinary maintenance. We now have water (cold and hot) in all the rooms of the house. The entire basement of the house has been redecorated (the chapel will be done shortly) that includes: community room, sacristy, two bedrooms and the chapel, plus the stairwell. The dining room and the kitchen have been redone and all the blinds varnished.

As for local appointments not much to be said since the house is so small.

Michel Deglène
September 21, 1966

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I hope you got from Father Wally Platt all the information for Father Charles Roume and the reception of our novices. Father Roume's book was reviewed in La Croix a very short time ago. Did Father Platt send you the article?

I am leaving the house tonight again to take my holidays and I need them very much I think.

That's all for today Father. Thank you for everything.

May God bless you and your work.

Yours in Our Lord

Michel Deglène, C.S.B.

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David G. Heath
January 27, 1965

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Dear Father Scollard,

Three exams down, two to go!! I'm really beat after this workout. However I'll still have the comprehensives hanging over my head (Mar. 24-26)

I have sent Father Robert Fischette the minutes of a meeting between Archbishop Schulte and a committee of Catholic faculty from the University. I'm sure he will show it to you. It is interesting reading.

One of the results of my grad work has been to make me wish I could go back to one of our high schools to put into effect some of the ideas I'm learning. That's where my heart is!! I think our high schools would learn much without prohibitant expenses that they fear.

So many Catholic high schools are still in "Ghetto". There was a meeting here for all high school administrators in Indiana who had students at Indiana University. Only three Catholic schools showed up! You know what the University thinks of that! of them!

Pray all goes well,

Dave.

(Letter written by Father David Heath, on graduate studies at the University of Indiana. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

William H. O'Brien
January 30, 1965

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Wed. Jan. 30th.

Dear Father Scollard -

Thanks once again for the newsletter, and your personal touch on the back page.

All well here; Director happy with the progress of the famous dissertation. Am doing what I can on it and it'll be presented when it's ready. Which is all any of us here can predict at this stage.

Snowing outside. Tomorrow a bit of skiing - only practical remedy I've met for the staleness that creeps in.

My best to all at 200!

Fraternally,

Bill O'Brien, C.S.B.

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William H. O'Brien
February 12, 1965

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Friday, Feb. 12

Dear Father Scollard -

Thanks again for the kindness I have come to expect from you ... good to have a word about and from the family.

I said my second Mass of suffrage for George Phelan this morning - the word came from Len McGravey three days ago. George, for me, was a real confrere. I owed him much and often wished he could have received at St. Michael's a little more of the support he deserved. It was with his case in mind that I used to offer to help Norm Fitzpatrick. Question: how many of our really dedicated have to die on the vine before we learn a little fraternal charity.

Health: good! It's clearly, these days, consideration No. 1, uncontested. My director (of thesis) agrees with you, Father Wey, myself: O'Brien, M.A., good for 20 years is a better deal than the same guy Ph.D. and useless. This afternoon I'm out skiing (beginner's slopes).

Gratefully and fraternally

Bill O'Brien

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William H. O'Brien
April 3, 1965

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Les SS. de Ste-Jeanne-d'Arc
1681, Chemin St-Louis
Québec 6, Québec
Sat. April 3/65

Dear Father Scollard -

Found the Newsletter re Retreat, your personal note included, on my desk at my return to Quebec today. Once again, Father, my sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness; have been in touch with Father Charles Lavery about the famous document the accreditation people will be looking for. It may take a little time. Until then, I'll just dazzle them with my foot-work.

All well here in Quebec. Am preparing to attack again, pencil to paper. Oremus pro invicem.

Fraternally in Christ

Bill O'Brien, C.S.B.

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William H. O'Brien
July 15, 1965

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Wednesday

Dear Father Scollard -

Once again, thanks very much for your thoughtfulness. Yes, tomorrow and Friday, my Mass for Leo McGrady. God rest him!

Re Art Roberts appointment to St. John Fisher College, probably not a coincidence. My attention to affairs in the financial order has snarled many a ledger, and the word bruited about in the confines of that most unholy race, the Catefully Selected Bursars, inspires the sharpening of pencils and the accumulation of aspirin, parnate and seconal.

In the picture, under the gallery, one Volkswago, ours. Yest, still operational.

As is yours, fraternally in Christ,

Bill O'Brien, C.SB.

P.S. Could you ask Father Robert Fischette if he received a letter from me recently?

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Samuel D. Femiano
January 31, 1965

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Dear Father Scollard,

Happy John Bosco - first of all - he kind of got squeezed out this year but we are celebrating any way. Father Francis Orsini left us about four or five days ago. His visit was excellent - really a visit - something like the only one of yours I remember, a number of years ago at Aquinas. But there was nothing he wasn't interested in and that he didn't do. He wanted to see for himself and hear and talk. His French is very good and that helped a lot. We were all very happy though, and also because he had some news from Toronto which has been rather scarce lately - the after Christmas lull. His article in the Basilian Teacher had arrived not long before he did and we got on that too. I must say I was more pleased with the January issue than I was with the December one as far as the letters go. The first set seemed to miss his point and kept falling back on the conventional answers which nobody denied but merely questioned as being sufficient. It's kind of a question of are we going far enough or are we being satisfied with half of a solution. We heard that the Christmas conferences went over well. The topic is probably one of the most topical at the moment what with the interest in religion and theology and all the people that are considering it as a real teaching subject rather than an addenda to the ordinary day. My work is going along very well, in fact surprisingly so. Since the Christmas break I have had a lot more energy. At the moment I am in process of writing the first section and it should be a fairly final draft since this is the third time at least through it and I have just about exhausted the sources for the period.

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It is amazing how much material there is to be got through. At first I was afraid it would not be big enocry but it is becoming more and more a question of clipping and pruning and even at that it is going to be heavy. Fortunately it is very interesting and the more I read in Newman the more I see possibilities for using him later on in teaching. He has written on all the current questions and usually with an insight that is still beyond a lot of modern thinking. It helps to find that the subject doesn't get dull. I will probably see my director again this week or next to go through the material I am finishing up. I have enough for writing a small section just after his conversion too but that is still very preliminary. I will probably have to go back to England soon (even I can figure out some way of getting the time between classes) since there is a certain amount of work that has to be done at Birmingham. Unfortunately I have just enough classes to tie me here - one every Wednesday and one every other Saturday. In itself nothing but they have to be attended and they are good besides. All are well in the house. Mid-term examinations are coming up but this time they are taking them more in stride since they have already been through a session and know that they are not as bad as one would think. Father Raymond Prince is in good shape and working around the house a bit. Have you put in your bid for the visitation next year? It is worth it really and not any colder than Toronto. Probably warmer and with a bit more sunshine when we have it. Of course, there is the threat of strikes. We just finished another two days

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but this time they weren't so bad since they took precautions so that the ordinary consumers would have electricity and gas and we did all day.

Regards to all.

In Christ

Sam.

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Samuel D. Femiano

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May 23, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

We're waiting for Father John Murphy to come in. He phoned this morning that he was arriving. We knew he would be along one of these days since mail has been coming in since last week at a stupendous rate - most annoying to the rest of the house who weren't getting any. Fathers Raymond Prince and Leonard McCann left this morning to make their retreat so that leaves the house alone a bit. It means we will have a room for Father Murphy. That has been a bit of a joke this year. The same thing happened a while ago when I was leaving for something or other and just as I was going out Archbishop Flahiff phoned that he would be arriving that night. His visit was delightful and the best part was that he got stuck in Paris so that we could talk and he could enjoy himself without rushing. I think he is rather fond of the city. He never comes through without looking around a bit. This is the time when things get quiet. The scholastics have exams already. The Saint Sulpice system is somewhat different in that they have exams on Tuesdays usually and from now to the end of the year there is one or two a week. It means you are always studying. I guess the Seminary in Toronto is finished and even ordinations and retreat. How are the applications for the Novitiate coming? Will there be a good number? We were a little worried by rumors what with that the rumors about scholastics leaving made one a little trepidatious (if that exists). Often enough though by the time we hear things they have left the basis of truth they may have begun with. We have started concelebration at the Mass and it will probably be on a permanent basis fairly soon. The general

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permission is coming out shortly and we have a permission in the meantime from one of the archdeacons. Father Prince and Father McCann are pleased. They both rather bely the adage that older people will be opposed to change since the house here while by no means radical is moving along and trying to do things as they should and when they should with a certain amount of understanding. And the two of them are as interested as the scholastics in it all. As for the concelebration it certainly was inspiring. To be together for once made a difference. I think once we get used to it and get the slight hitches down we will appreciate it even more than we do now. Father Prince is amusing really. When he gets home he will probably be way ahead of what's going on for no other reason than he has been involved in the ordinary liturgical life of the diocese. But they do seem to be much more organized than we are and ready to move when the time comes. I saw Mike Quealey again yesterday. He passed through on his way back to England where he will be spending a good deal of time now looking up people with whom he has corresponded in the past few years. He is enjoying his stay and certainly profiting from it. It was good to talk to him, one of the class as it were. Bill Irwin, speaking of my class or at least of what used to be, will be through again soon. He and Father Prince have decided to go home together, towards the end of June. He is finishing up this week in Rome. The others are making their plans for the summer most which include Germany. I myself will be going back to Birmingham, my own little research centre. This should be the last time I hope. But putting

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it together is more complicated than it seems. Things are going well and I am working steadily but it is a lot of slow work and reworking material and deciding what needs to be included and what not etc. I am pleased though. Please remember me to the others who might be home.

In Christ,

Sam

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July 8, 1965

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Birmingham
July 8, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

I have the impression that the last time I wrote you was from here too. It always seems that I arrive here with a stack of unanswered mail and it's the ideal spot to write from, little going one. I'm working at the Oraotry again. This is the last research trip. I may have to drop over for a couple of days at the end but this will finish up my gathering of material. At this point I almost feel I could duplicate Newman's writing if I only had a straight pen and practiced my double p (ss) that is. After a while you begin to feel somewhat Victorian and your English changes. I'm very pleased actually. I've really not run into any snags at all in the researching and what I've written so far pleases me - to a point - by the way. I just head that Jean Guilton's "Infallibility of the Laity" has been published in English. It is on the subject of my thesis but not very well done really. In fact, scarcely done at all. I saw the French a couple of years ago and quickly allayed my fears. I have to give Benediction. Be back in a few minutes. The parish is very good. The parish priest is away so I am quite free. The last couple of weeks in Paris were rather hectic what with Father Raymond Prince leaving and ordinations and visitors. The ordinations went very well. Thank you for the new on Father Hurley whom I remember from when I used to help you at the Seminary. We had a gathering of "European" Basilians

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at the house just before I left: the Romans and the English and a couple of vagrants. We were well organized actually and had a couple of days of good talking. Father Leonard McCann sat in and enjoyed it. Paul Broadhurst and Jack Gallagher are staying to study and Bud Pare's off to Germany. We're having concelebration regularly at the house. You may have already heard. During the conference one day we had nine priests and it was really wonderful, especially in a small house like ours it makes a real difference to be together for Mass. Mike Quealey has been in with what was news from Toronto when he left. He's getting on well. Dave Megel arrived and went on to Annamay where he is, from reports, doing very well with his French. He certainly hasn't changed. I think I would enjoy trailing about behind him a bit just to see the consternation he causes the Europeans. Have a good summer. By now you should be fairly free. How did the final count on novices come up? The last we heard it was rather discouraging. Regards to all.

In Christ

Sam.

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November 24, 1965

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Maison Saint-Basile
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)
November 24, 1965.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you very much for the letter and copy. You are to be congratulated. It certainly looks better than the old one. All your talk about xeroxing theses makes me nervous. I suppose you were thinking of my situation. I have to find a process soon to get my copies done. Xerox is what is usually done since it is simplest and gives the best copy but it is a bit expensive. I am afraid that threw Father Fischette a bit on my budget but he probably forgot how those things are and doubly so here where 1) the processes aren't that common 2) you can't find a friend to do it cheaply. I saw my director today as a matter of fact with the final chapter and he was pleased. That means all I have to do now is reread and rewrite, makes the notes and the bibliography, etc. - all the fastidious work that takes time. I am fairly pleased though. For the time being it is hard to say when it will be ready for a defense. The Annals arrived and caused the confreres to spend some time scrutinizing. I see your problem with proofreaders. This year you could have used a few seminarians. By the way how come Michel Deglène wasn't in the graduate student list? Was that an oversight? I know he certainly feels like a graduate student when he comes home from a five hour day. They work them like mad at the Catechetical Institute. He likes it though very much since the professors are top-notch. They do have a problem with

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space. The other Bournique who is the dean told them to stop complaining and if they were feeling bad that they should take a walk over to the Sorbonne which was much worse. And it's true. Paris is terribly overcrowded. There just isn't enough space to go around and to make it worse the good professors want to come here with the result that the students do too. We have had some news from Father Leonard McCann and are pleased. After the rather gloomy predictions over here this sounds wonderful. You probably already know that the scholastics are teaching religion this year at the Army Base. They are most pleased with it and it is giving them a real taste of religion again. I have been going out to hear confessions and help with the high school group and have very much appreciated the experience, experience in common sense. It is a long time since I was in a classroom, although I don't teach there. One side benefit which we got from it all (and this you should appreciate more than anyone else) was ice cream - real American ice cream made here in Europe but with the home recipe. (You have to have experienced French ice cream to appreciate that last one. Don't be fooled by the labels back home. The ordinary French ice cream is not at all like that and the good stuff is around \$3.00 a kilo (two quarts?) which is a bit expensive. The woman who is in charge of the catechetics gave us three gallons for the Presentation last Sunday and was it ever good. For me it was the first time in over three years (and that is a real penance). Do write again when you have a chance. My best to all the conferes.

In Christ,

Sam [Femiano]

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February 7, 1966

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Maison Saint-Basile
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)
February 7, 1966.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you very kindly for the various missives which you have sent my way the past couple of weeks. I am a bit late in answering because I have been in and out of Paris a bit what with my thesis printing underway. I appreciated the statistics but they were a bit frightening. It looks like the crisis is upon us. I only hope it will help in the general renewal of the community and not frighten me. They say Father Wey and the Council have their hands full (or rather empty) in making out the appointments. They have all my sympathy.

I am currently reading through the suggested Rule and hope to send in a letter before the end of the week. It demands some rather serious thought and I am not sure I will have time to get it done.

The last month and a half have been very hectic. The last days of a dying thesis usually are. Things were complicated by the fact of the expense of getting it done in Paris which was far too expensive. (You would appreciate this angle) As it turned out finally I am having it printed in Louvain at a considerable saving plus the advantage of getting the number of copies that I will need. It has meant a bit of going back and forth though. Father Robert Fischette is probably wondering whether I have died but I hope to write him soon with a rundown of recent events. It wasn't until just this last couple of days that there was anything really definite.

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Today and even now there are a couple of outstanding items.

The house is well and we are all wondering when Father Wey is coming. I thought sure he would have been here this month but it looks now as though it will be still a while. As far as the house is concerned things are well but we would all like to talk to him particularly in view of all the activity that is going on back home. We have been following the various conferences that have been held in the regions and the results are most hopeful for a fruitful preparation for the 1967 chapter. It is amazing what can be done when people put their minds to it.

I did an article for the Basilian Teacher which has a bit of my thesis in it (of course) and which I hope they will be printing before too long. Norm Kolb, I'm afraid, is rather annoyed with me since the article is very very late. My schedule over Christmas though made it impossible to write anything but the thesis. It is astounding how all of a sudden you find there is so much to do before wrapping it up.

My regards to all in the Curial House.

In Christ,
Sam.

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March 16, 1966

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Maison Saint-Basile
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)
March 16, 1966.

Dear Father Scollard,

You can put me in the Annals next years if you like. After all these years I decided to come home. The exam was last Saturday and went well - at least I thought it did. The scholastics thought the jury was a bit fierce but that's just the way juries are. It's kind of like a game they play. Generally, they liked the thesis since they had no real criticisms of it. They would have preferred it to be a bit more complete - that means another year's research on related topics to fill out certain areas. Which is all very nice but not essential and besides you have to have something for the second volume.

Needless to say, I am enjoying my freedom. For the first time in I don't know how long I can really relax a bit without having to prepare an exam or some courses or getting a chapter finished etc. It is rather a nice feeling.

Father Wey's visit was most pleasant. We sat around and talked a lot and he filled us in on lots of community news which was very much appreciated. The situation in the house is fine although the problems continue since next year will be different again. It seems that the house is always forging into new areas. I must say, despite the various and sundry difficulties, I've enjoyed the time here and would not mind a similar appointment.

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March 16, 1966.

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I shall be coming back Stateside (as the Americans say) the beginning of May and will drop in and see how you are some time after that.

Regards to all the confreres.

In Christ,

Sam.

Thanks for the newsletter.

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September 30, 1966

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006
Sept. 30, 1966.

Dear Father Scollard,

I hope this is not too late for you to get it into the Annals. I got your letter yesterday or the day before and in the midst of classes and it slipped my mind til of a sudden I realized that you had asked me for the title of my thesis and that it wasn't just a friendly letter.

The title is: The Infallibility of the laity, and historico-theological investigation of the thought of John Henry Newman.

Thank you. I would be very happy if you could get Archbishop Flahiff's talk and get it around to the Houses. That was my major complaint after the conference that we didn't get it since it was so good and could really prove useful in the course of the year.

Local news: Father John Meyer is in the hospital with a heart attack but seems to be coming along and will be home soon. Father Bill Duggan had an attack the other day but I have had no news lately. Father John Sheehy is home living in a I don't know what you would call it - a house next to the scholastics. His brother is here with him since he needs someone all the time. He seems fairly clear but I haven't really talked to him since I don't know him at all.

Classes are going well and the atmosphere of the University is most friendly. I have never

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seen kids so socially open and friendly. I felt at home from the first day.

The weather is good and I think I will survive. The art show opened the other night and is excellent. There was a full page in the National Catholic Reporter as you might have noticed. I am amazed at Mrs. DeMenil. She is really a fantastic woman.

My regards to the confreres at the house. Good luck with the Annals.

In the Lord,

Sam Femiano.

Jus for the record - Alfie Graham has a copy of the thesis if you ever need anything on it. Catholic Digest is printing the article I did in the Basilian Teacher last year on it.

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George B. Flahiff
February 13, 1965

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Archdiocese of Winnipeg
353 St. Mary's Avenue
Winnipeg 1, Manitoba
February 13, 1965.

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for two recent communications, both sad in so far as they announced the death of confreres, both welcome in so far as they contained newly enclosures from yourself. Please believe that these latter are always deeply appreciated whether or not I manage to say so each time.

Frank Sheahan had telephoned me about Father George Phelan. He knew that I had a considerable interest in George's welfare. You evoked the George we had all known extremely well in your brief sketch. As to Father Antoine Epitalon, his death has been expected for some time. Yes, he made a great impression on me from our first meeting in 1955. At that time he was still bright and happy, almost bird-like in some ways. And the photograph to which you refer was a classic, with beard, beret and pipe all adding to its quality. The last couple of times I saw Father, he was less happy, but he was still interesting. It will seem strange to stop there and not find him. Father Louis Mazet will take some delight out of being the "doyen", in every way possible.

For some strange reason, our Commission meeting does not take place until after Easter this year. Others seem to be gathering this month. However, I am not complaining. The weather should be much better at that time, especially

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if I try to stop at Annonay. However, please do not mention this, in case I fail again. Had we been holding a Commission meeting, I would have arranged to be in Rome for Cardinal Roy's ceremony, but I cannot justify a special trip for that. Others will be there to represent the Canadian Catholic Conference. Archbishop Hermaniuk will be among them, since his Commission does meet just a few days later. I suspect that he would have gone anyway on account of Cardinal Slipyi. The Ukrainians are very pleased about that, although I get the impression that they might have preferred to see a Patriarchate for their rite created. However, perhaps the two are not mutually exclusive and that will come.

Your comments on ideas about reorganization were interesting. I look forward to the Newsletter that will give details of the survey. Thank you, too, for the news of the sick. My best to Fathers Daniel Forestell, Leonard Rush and Louis Bondy when you see them. I was sorry to learn of Jim Strickland's departure. God help him!

I saw Father E.J. McCorkell in Edmonton when I attended Archbishop MacDonald's funeral. He did not seem too sure whether he would be staying for a while or not. He got the impression that Father Wilfrid Dore did not want to leave even for a few days and that the latter had the doctors giving favorable reports, lest he (Father Dore) have to give up his work in Edmonton which apparently he loves. I gather however, that the situation is not without difficulties for others. Father McCorkell will be a good one to paint the picture as it is. Frankly, I enjoyed my stay and the long conversations we all had about a multitude of things. Sleep alone was a short

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commodity. I hoep to see a few Basilians when I go to North Bay next week for the consecration of Bishop Proulx. Sudbury and the Sault will almost have to be represented.

I should have ended on the other side, but I have a reference to give you, for the historic record at least. After March 7, it will no longer matter, but I came across an article on "Prayers after Low Mass" that throws some light on the obligation to say them in the case of private Masses that goes against the interpretation that you mentioned to me when I stopped at the Curial House at the first of December. You will find the article, if you are still interested, at the library of St. Basil's Seminary in Periodica, vol. 47 (1958), pp. 177-183. It is little more than the text of several documents from 1884 to 1930 dealing with different aspects of the question. In answer to a query in 1916, I believe, the Sacred Congregation insisted on the necessity of saying the prayers in a situation (spelled out in the query) that is just about as "private" as any situation could be. But, as I say, the whole thing becomes of purely historical interest after March 7.

Best wishes to all at 200 and next door. I do not know when I shall be down again. I was in the airport twice last week, on my way to and from Ottawa, but only between planes. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

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George B. Flahiff
March 10, 1965

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Archbishop's Residence
353 St. Mary's Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
March 10, 1965

Dear Bob,

Mine always seems to be a very short answer. However, I am grateful for your letters of March 4 and March 8 and I wish to thank both you and Father Wey (I presume) for the advance copy of the appointments. My interest in these does not wane, although I suppose there are some that I no longer recognize as changes. Yes, the "special appointments" for Father Florian Pacher and Father Raphael O'Loughlin intrigued me as did the distinction between "Graduate Studies" and "Sabbatical Leave". After their disappointment of last year, Annonay should be happy about Father Wally Platt's return. Please God, they can soon achieve a stability of their own. George Beaune, too, will be welcomed back. He should be excellent as Master of Novices.

This is the time when you need a whole evening to discuss changes and make comments. I expect to be in Gary on the 21st. I can do so there with some confreres.

Yes, the English Missal is out - adequate, perhaps, but no typographical masterpiece. And, of course, we have not the new Ordo Missae. The Commission should map out a timetable of the next five years so that we could anticipate needs or wait for prospective changes. Ours, by the way, did not arrive until Tuesday, March 9.

Would it be too much trouble to get me the addresses of the widows of George MacDonald and

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Bill Lyons (the one who graduated in 1927, I presume, from Ottawa?) I probably should send a note of sympathy.

Have you been deluged with complaints about the remark concerning Basilians on page 33 of the February number of The Catholic Mind (article on Father Charles Coughlin)? We were apparently required to disband at some date after 1918. All that we have gone through since that time must be part of a dream sequence. What a relief for many!

Again, best wishes to all at 200 and 206 Russell Hill Road. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

P.S. Eddie Brennan called from the airport.

I may see him on his return.

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George B. Flahiff
May 15, 1965

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Canadian Catholic Conference
May 15, 1965

Dear Bob,

Did you not ask me if the bowing of the head at the Gloria Patri of the Introit and of the Lavabo had been suppressed? I have checked in the new Ordo Missae and Ritus Celebrandi: the latter prescribes it explicitly in the Introit, but neither it nor the Ordo Missae mention an inclination of the head in the case of the Lavabo. Strictly speaking, I assume that one would be justified in omitting it in the latter case, but I am inclined to think that the lack of mention is merely an oversight and that the clear and explicit mention re the Introit is the guide to the Gloria Patri in the Mass. There are a couple of other cases where an inconsistency of this kind is to be found (e.g. separating and raising the hands at beginning of Gloria and Credo: the Commission has ruled that it is the rubric given in the first case [Gloria] that should apply to both, there having been a failure to make the change in the second case). I think that I shall bow my head in both cases, but I cannot give this as an official opinion.

Father Wey had supper with me on Thursday, before leaving for Edmonton. Say hello to all at "200" with thanks for the hospitality. God bless you+

+G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

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George B. Flahiff
September 11, 1965

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
September 11, 1965.

Dear Bob,

This is by way of thanking you for several recent communications, including the notice about Father Joe Walsh's death, the copy of Terry Forestell's letters (excellent+) and at least two more personal letters. Your faithfulness is much appreciated.

I spent one night in Toronto on the way through, but I had to see Father Laurence Shook and so it was more convenient to stay at St. Michael's College. I was off again in less than 24 hours. I had just received word that he would be admitted as a Council peritus. The Secretariat had been so difficult about this during the past two years that, frankly, I was surprised, even though I had made the request in the name of the Canadian Catholic Conference. No need to say that Father Shook was delighted.

The trip to Annonay is somewhat unexpected. Again, it did not look as though there would be time. However, when they heard that I was in Paris, they begged me to come, since the first reception of novices in many years will be held this afternoon. I got in by train from Paris at 1:15 and must return there tomorrow morning to catch a plane for Rome. Had it not been a weekend, I could have continued from Lyons to Nice and Rome, but there is no service Lyons - Nice on Sundays.

We will have concelebration (twelve priests besides myself) with the reception after the

Gospel of the Mass. Father Charles Roume will preach. There is a ceremony of renewal of vows tomorrow (one temporary and one perpetual) but I shall miss it. Today's ceremony will be in the Novitiate Chapel (Maison Saint-Joseph). It is almost ten years exactly (September 29, 1955) that I presided over the ceremony of reunion in the same chapel, so I am very pleased to be here.

The confreres are all well and happy. Most of them got back today from their retreat at the Jesuit retreat-house in Marseilles. Father Wally Platt had gone directly there. He is therefore just arriving at Annonay. Father John Fournier drove down from Paris with four scholastics and Father Roland Gagnon. Three of the scholastics are the ones who just arrived in Paris on Wednesday night (8th) by the France: Paul Murphy, Angelo Bovenzi and Mike Wesley. They are acclimatizing themselves rapidly. They are delighted with Annonay. Fortunately, they are seeing it under ideal conditions: brilliant sunshine and mild weather. The town and the surrounding hills are glorious on a day like this, especially at this time of year.

Fathers Ulysse Paré and Paul Broadhurst were in Paris. Father Maurice Taylor, too, was there, en route to Germany. They are always able to crowd in "one more". Michel Deglène is in his glory. I think he will do an excellent job, and the confreres all seem to be delighted. Things are certainly going to be well organized in the house.

All are well with the exception of Father Len McCann. Even he looked better than I expected when I learned that he had just returned the

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previous day from the hospital and a serious operation. Doubtless, Father Wey has more detail than I have. I gather that Father McCann is not at all aware of how grave his condition is. The doctors here did not tell him, thinking that it would be better to do so back home. Leonard seems to think that it is merely a question of recuperation. He is in quite good spirits, though I found him shockingly thin and very pale.

Father "Timothy" (Pat) Kelly, O.C.S.C., came to supper at the Maison Saint-Basile last night. He is in Paris for a few days en route to Rome to take Canon Law. He looked well and has changed but little.

Please give my best to Father Wey, Father Hubert Coughlin and all at the Curial House. Keep the Council in your prayers. God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

P.S.: Correction: The ceremony is over and it took place in the main chapel, not in the Maison Saint-Joseph. Obviously, there would not have been room in the latter chapel. Relatives and friends of the new novices were there in large numbers and the whole thing proved to be very moving. I shall take this back to Paris to post it, that should save a day or two.

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Grand Hôtel de la Ville
Via Sistina, 67-71
(Trinita dei Monti)
Roma
November 28, 1965.

Dear Bob,

It is a late date indeed to be thanking you for all your communications throughout this fourth session of the Council and to be excusing myself from sending a newsletter for the Community. However, better to write before I leave Rome, at least.

I was hardly here when you wrote me on Sept. 15 and enclosed a newsletter of about that date. There was another on October 9, also with newsletter and finally a letter of November 15, accompanying my copy of the Basilian Annals. Today, to complete the picture, Father Laurence Shook handed me two copies of his newsletter which you had asked him to deliver to me. Many thanks for all. As I have said before, I am deeply grateful for your faithfulness, especially when I fail so much as to acknowledge your communications, let alone answer in kind. I am deeply grateful to be kept in touch with community news as only you can do it. I was glad to know that the picture looks brighter for Father Leonard McCann. When I was in Paris in September, I got the full value of the black picture being drawn there. Terry McLaughlin dropped me a line to tell me of his condition. He got Mediaeval Studies on all right. I hope that Fathers Wilfrid Sharpe, George Thompson and Simon Perdue are doing better, too, oh yes, and Father John Murray and Father Wilfrid Dore,

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whom I had almost forgotten. Word about Gerry Orsini was a surprise. I hope for Frank's sake that some contact is made. Father Hugh Mallon dropped me a line after the regional meeting in Toronto; he felt that it had been extremely helpful; in any case, it is certainly the kind of communication that is necessary. A good deal of reappraisal is needed before actual steps are taken, and the job is being left pretty well to the Communities themselves.

The first few weeks of this session brought work enough to make any kind of a newsletter impossible. In addition to the regular Council meetings, we were having Commission meetings as well, and I had also to look after the preparations for the Canadian Bishops' general assembly. Being relieved of the chairmanship of the Canadian Catholic Conference was a great help, but I still seemed to have much to do, - or else I was just plain lazy. In any case, I chatted with Father Laurence Shook about his writing the newsletter for the Community, feeling that his freshness of point of view would make it the more interesting. When he informed me that you had already asked him for one, I said that made sense indeed. Finally, he got around to writing it and I found it so good, when he asked me to read it, that I felt that I could definitely be excused. It is an excellent presentation. All that I could have added would have been an account of my visits to Paris and Annonay. I regret now that I did not write, at least briefly, right at the time. By November, the news would have been completely out of date. For you, I can state that the ceremony at Annonay was a touching as well as historic one. A visit with the four novices

was encouraging. They all knew quite well what they were doing. Father George Beaune had established an excellent relationship already. Please God they will all stay. The spirit at Annonay is very good. The addition to the building was advancing slowly; I hear that it is still far from finished. It mars the building less than I had feared, and it does improve their facilities greatly. We toasted Father Charles Roume's volume when I was there; it looks like a good piece of work, - at least according to the standards that I learned. Paris was slightly upset when I was there, because of Father Leonard McCann's approaching departure, but they always have a way of adjusting themselves to a situation. Father Shook is just back from a visit there and he says that all goes very well, - Annonay too, for that matter. He took advantage of last week's "recess" to spend some three days in each place. I am sure that they would be delighted to see him. I count on a full day in Paris on my way home, but I fear that I cannot make Annonay again. I am sorry, too, since this will be the last time in a good while, I fear. In any case, I am all the more glad that I took time in September to look in on them.

The Council will soon be over. Discussions ended some time ago and we have had more free time since then, - those of us, that is, who are not members of the Commissions that have to revise the texts that still have to be voted. These latter have had to work night and day at revising texts, re-submitting them to the Council as a whole for their vote and then revising anew to prepare the final text. In the sessions of next week all the voting will be completed and the documents readied for promulgation on

December 7, leaving December 8 free for the closing ceremonies, around the papal mass, and the decree of closure. Naturally, all are looking forward to the end. Nevertheless, habits and acquaintances have been formed over these four years that will not be easy to break with. Already, there is a certain touch of nostalgia, as well as of anticipation, as we look forward to December 7-8. As I said in a newsletter of another year, it is going to seem strange not to be coming to Rome each year. It may very well be that, more than in the past bishops will find an excuse for a trip over here.

The texts are quite satisfactory as they are whipped into final shape. A greater degree of unity of thought and harmony of expression than I would have expected characterizes them, even though a slight variation in the matter of emphasis is to be found from document to document. One thing is certain: you will find all about any given subject in hardly any single text. Often, the "key text" presupposes what is in another and more basic text; or else another text more or less comments on what has been said in the "key text". This is particularly true of what is said about the laity, religious and priests, - bishops, too, for that matter. I see that "the Canadian bishops" are being quoted as saying that De Revelatione is the most basic text of the whole conciliar effort. Of its very nature, of course, it would have to be the most basic, in the sense that whatever else is said is in the light of revelation. However, to my mind, it is the Constitution on the Church that is interrelated to nearly every other text in a way that is quite unique. And I suppose that that too is to be expected; Pope John and Pope Paul had both said that the Church must give an

account of herself in this Council. Practically every other aspect of her life, as spoken on in other documents, flows from what is said in the Lumen Gentium (as they are now beginning more and more to call the Constitution on the Church).

What is said in the Decree on Renewal and Adaptation in the Religious Life (the two nouns represent better what the title means, except, of course, that making Renovation the substantive and Accommodata the modifier does place the emphasis in the right place) definitely presupposes Chapter VI of the Constitution on the Church, - indeed it presupposes the whole Constitution and especially Ch. II, V and VI. Appreciating our membership in the Church as a whole is absolutely basic and must come before we think of ourselves as a particular community or as given to a particular work. The Decree is merely what it calls itself and has to do with the practical aspect of renewal and adaptation. It was never meant to be a treatise on the religious life, as some, I am afraid, expected it to be. We already have plenty of those; moreover Lumen Gentium says what is essential in the way of a theology of our life. The document is primarily an encouragement and a challenge to individual communities to take a frank and serious look at themselves and their ways and to determine to what extent something needs to be done along the lines mentioned in the Decree. The day has passed, I am sure, when the Congregation in Rome will attempt to lay down rules and regulations for all. While the recognized authorities will have to take responsibility for what is done (General Chapters, especially), these might be altered somewhat

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or might operate through the type of commissions (complete with periti, consultants, etc.) that has proved so useful in the Council. In any case, the Decree itself states that whatever is to be done is the common affair of all; some way of drawing all into it must be found, and doubtless will be found. - I see that I got off on a tangent. I had meant to add that some other texts too have a few things to say about the religious life. There is, for instance, a brief but beautiful passage in the Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops. But the Christian anthropology in the first part of the Church in the Modern World, too, is important. So, too, are principles laid down regarding Liturgy, Ecumenism, Religious Liberty, etc. I guess we shall simply have to read everything! Certainly, we need wholeness and not sectionalism, a well integrated point of view rather than a special one.

All for now, Bob. I had the others at the house in mind, too, in writing this letter. Please pass it on to them if it is of any interest. Many thanks again for all the communications throughout the Fall. God bless you. Regards to all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

P.S. I might be looking for hospitality for a night or so around December 14 or 15.

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July 12, 1966

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Dear Bob,

Your letter of the 8th arrived yesterday, with news of the death of Father John "Oaklands" Kelly. I may not have known him well, but I remember him right since student days. Unusual though he was in some ways as a personality, he had a very realistic and even earthy way of cutting through some sham and artificiality. R.I.P.

I fall far short of acknowledging all your missives. However, it is only right that I tell you from time to time how much the regularity of your sending me the community documents is appreciated, - and, above all, the personal notes and letters that you find time to add. I am very grateful indeed. Your remarks in the last letter about Fathers Muckle, McCorkell, Hugh Haffey and Andy Maloney were interesting and enjoyable. I was certainly sorry to miss Father McCorkell's celebration; you were the only one, by the way, to tell me of his failure to make the celebration in Toronto for St. Basil's Day. That would be a disappointment for all.

An Institute on the Religious Life and Renewal took me to Seattle on June 27. I was to tell them about the Council and Renewal in the Religious Life: six talks plus plenty of discussion. It was for Sisters only. My part lasted three days; others carried on afterwards. After an extra day in Seattle, I proceeded to Vancouver and spent two days at St. Mark's. Father Carlisle LeBel was just back from the East. Eddie Sullivan was there en route to teach a summer course in Edmonton. Father Robert Finn, too,

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was there but I saw very little of him. Andy Maloney was still around, but was saying good-bye to students and friends most of the time. It was from the others that I learned a few details about his next year's appointment. Unusual, to say the least, but it could be very interesting no doubt. Is it because of his interest in things ecumenical? Or is it a case of giving a hand to the Jesuits? Did you ever meet Sister Francis d'Assisi at Mt. St. Vincent? She retired last year as President of the College. Her brother (Father Michael McCarthy, S.J.) has been in Baghdad for some twenty years as teacher, Rector of the College, etc. As far as I know he is still there.

Thank you for the two documents that arrived yesterday: "Resolutions adopted by Regional Meetings", and the preliminary outline of Elliott Allen's Commission. They will help to acquaint me with some of the present thinking.

Best wishes to all at "200" and to any other confreres that you see.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

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December 2, 1966

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Archdiocese of Winnipeg
50 Stafford Street
Winnipeg 9, Manitoba
December 2, 1966.

Dear Bob,

I have certainly let you down badly on the revised text of my talk at the Convention. Little do you realize how constantly it has been on my mind and either on my desk or in my bag. I have kept trying to do a bit, but the interruptions were both frequent and serious. I have carried it to Ottawa, Houston, Saskatoon and various parts of Manitoba, without managing to touch it in any of these places. The chief trouble is that it has required a complete rewriting, for the most part. I was quite ashamed of what the tape (or the type of the tape) records me as saying; or rather, I am ashamed of the shape it came out in. In any case, I have continued to work away at it. At last, I have it all revised and need only a clean typing (relatively, at least) before being able to put it in your hands, if you still want it. So much water has gone under so many bridges, that you may deem it as being no longer of much practical value. Thinking may have gone far past it. You will not hurt my feelings at all, if you tell me it is now out of date. I shall file it as an historical document. If you still want it, I could probably have it to you within a week. Would you please drop me a card saying either SEND or DON'T SEND. I shall proceed with the typing, in any case. By the way, I should warn you that the text will go beyond the 20 pages you spoke of in your second-to last letter, - not beyond 26 or 27, however, I think (double-space, of course).

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And now let me thank you for your several communications throughout the Fall and for accompanying letters and notes, the last of which reached me today (Ordinandi). As I have often said before, your own newsy letters almost outdo your Newsletters. I am deeply grateful.

Yes, I was in Houston to preach at the Christ-the-King Rally on October 30. Frank Monaghan had a get-together (social) at St. Anne's and I saw a great crowd of confreres. Then Jim Wilson gathered about 60 another evening to talk about the Council, the Chapter and just religious life in general. I stayed on for some four days and thoroughly enjoyed the change. Everyone but John Sheehy was well. Father Wilfrid Sharpe is unbelievable for energy and interest; Father Vincent Guinan, too, for that matter. Father Hugh Haffey was in rare form. He is waiting for the opening of Haffey Hall and assumes that the delay was occasioned by wanting to make sure that Rochester's new Bishop would be there.

At the Canadian Catholic Conference meetings, I failed, for the first time, to see any Ottawa Basilians. Our time was too taken up altogether and the fact of all living together deprived me of what would have been my normal time for contact. I hope I am forgiven.

Our Jubilee celebrations, meetings of various sorts and routine business have kept me busy. Not being at the Council does not reduce the work,- on the contrary you get caught for more.

This week I went to Saskatoon for a meeting of bishops and major superiors of Western Canada, and stayed over Thursday, - my first visit to

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Saskatoon in nearly two years. All are fine, despite a temperature of 27 degrees below zero, - perhaps because of it! We talked to well after midnight each evening. I always get a touch of nostalgia after gatherings like this. Bob Finn was seeing the doctor about odd feelings in hands and feet. Joe O'Donnell could conjure up all manner of sinister threats, but Bob did not seem worried.

Give my best to all at 200. One of these times, I shall come again begging a bed and a meal. God bless you.

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

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Archdiocese of Winnipeg
50 Stafford Street
Winnipeg 9, Manitoba
December 11, 1966.

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th. I am a couple of days late with my text. I did not have time to do the typing myself and I ran into a couple of snags in having someone else do it. However, here it is at last, longer, I am sure, than you expected and longer too than may be desirable. As I said before, do with it what you will. If you do print it up, I would be glad to have some extra copies; some of the local religious might like to have a look at it; some of them, too, are on the eve of general chapters.

It was in your second-to-last letter that you gave me some of the results of voting for the chapter. They were not without their surprises. I shall await the Newsletter with the complete results with considerable curiosity.

I hope that I did not cause undue alarm in mentioning Bob Finn's going to see the doctor while I was in Saskatoon. Whatever it was did not strike me as too serious. Frankly, I did not know that he had some experience of it when he was in Toronto. Joe O'Donnell was a bit lugubrious, recalling something similar in his brother Ambrose's case. But, then, Joe was often called the "gloomy Dane", and not merely because he had once starred as Hamlet.

We officially closed our Golden Jubilee year with the conferring of honours on laity and religious a week ago Sunday. The clergy had been honoured

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shortly before. I sometimes wonder if all these things are typical of the age we are moving out of. However, we have no other way, as yet, of recognizing outstanding service and merit. I must say that some of the laity have far more triumphalist notions than many bishops do. One of the prospective knights came in advance to make sure that the ceremony would really be "worthwhile" since a good many of his Protestant and Jewish friends would be present and he did not want to let them down. Another wanted to assure himself that I would wear the ermine with the cappa magna, although both had been in moth-balls for a long time. Maybe we could give all these things to the emerging laymen.

As we read about your balmy 63 above, we were preparing for a night of 24 below zero last Thursday. Is there no justice?

Regards to all at 200.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

P.S. The title for the paper is by way of suggestion only. You may think of something more appropriate.

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P. Wallace Platt
March 4, 1965

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University of Windsor
Department of English
Windsor, Ontario
March 4, 1965.

Dear Bob,

Sorry to be so long getting this information to you about Father Epitalon. I hope it is okay, but if it is not, please don't hesitate to let me know, and I'll work on it again. I don't know what picture you have of him for the Annals, but the best one was that taken by a photographer in Annonay, who, seeing him on the street one day, and being struck by his fine appearance (he was, of course, eighty at the time, but his beard and his fine face were attractive), asked him to come to his studio and pose for him. The photo, much enlarged, stayed in the photographer's window for some time.

Things are fine here and very busy. The work seems to accelerate as the year draws to a close. I am enjoying it immensely. The courses I have are wonderful, and I had less difficulty than I thought getting back to this kind of teaching. In fact the only big difficulty is the reading background which has to be constantly filled in.

Hope you are all well up there. I guess there are some sick in Toronto. Any reports I've heard about Leo McGrady are bad. It seems ironical that a man who spoke so well and who taught speech should have such an affliction. Art Kirn had quite a talk with him at Christmas, but he was glum as to the chances of a cure.



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Please give my very best to all at the Curia.

In Christ,

Wally.

Father Antoine Epitalon was an aristocrat. This was evident in his manners and speech as it was in his attitude towards things. There was never anything common or vulgar in what he said or did. He was a convinced monarchist, and he would have been happy to see the disappearance of "La République" and all it represented in France. When he discussed politics, his whole being would become animated, and, if the discussion came up at the table, his knife and fork were wielded about almost dangerously, as he made his points about the present administration. He did not have a great affection for "les Anglais", but he openly admired their monarchy. Anything involving the British Royal Family interested him, and a royal wedding would find him glued to the television.

There was great kindness in Father Epitalon. This came out in the confessional and in conversation. He was always happy to talk, and to be interested in what you were doing or had to say. He would ask about your family, whether he had met them or not. He loved a joke and had a ready and infectious laugh. When the reunion with the French Basilians came about, Father Epitalon, at that time 80 years of age, showed interest and enthusiasm, and keenly supported the movement. Indeed, he maintained a remarkably youthful and optimistic outlook to extreme old age.

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During the last years of his life his habits of prayer, Mass, and visits to the Blessed Sacrament continued strong. His room was only a few feet from the Chapel, and he would shuffle back and forth many times a day. He tried to keep up his correspondence with his family and friends, remembering feast days and anniversaries. Gradually old age put an end to these activities one by one. He had considered his work for the Community as one of prayer exclusively; he strove to be faithful to this right to the end.

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June 11, 1965

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London, June 11, 1965.

Dear Bob,

I wanted to let you know where I am in case there is any news floating around that you could send me. I'm in touch rather regularly with Mike Sheehan, but neither of us seem to have any kind of a hot line to the capitol. Not that I want you to write any special letter or anything like that. But if there are Newsletters coming out, we'd be glad to have one copy.

Going through Toronto was such a rush that I didn't get a chance to call at the Curia after all. Father Wey was in the West at the time, so I figured I just try to do all the family things I had to do before sailing. I did actually get a chance to talk to Kevin Kirley for a couple of hours, on a wide range of topics, including Annonay. We had had little communication through the year even though we were living in the same country. I might just as well have been in France. But I did appreciate those few hours talking with him. The job he has is hard on him, but he has enough grit to keep on top of it. I hope it doesn't take a toll in his health.

At the moment I am living in a parish. I stayed ten days in the Knights of Saint Columba Club where Bob Madden lived, but when this place came up I took it, even though I have a certain number of parish duties. I explained to the pastor on coming here that my purpose in being in London was to study, and he has certainly gone out of his way to be considerate. In fact all the

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people here are quite wonderful. The pastor is Bishop Cashman, who is Auxiliary to Cardinal Heenan. The parish is very comfortable and interesting as well. I shall probably stay here until the end of the summer. I think, too, it is a good contact for the Basilians if ever we should want to open a house here, or if anyone would want to come and live in a parish while studying in London. So far I am pleased with how things are working out. I've been here almost two weeks now. (I arrived in London, three weeks ago today.)

I have seen Professor Arthur Brown, who is a great friend of Bob Madden, and who has been wonderfully kind to me. I have access to the Library of University College, to the British Museum, and the Library of the Warburg Institute. It couldn't be much better actually, for someone who is not even registered in the University.

If there is anything I can do for you while here, don't hesitate to ask. Please give my best to all at the Curia. Have a fine summer. (The weather here today is glorious: a soft spring sunny London day. All kinds of birds are chirping outside my window.)

In Christ,

Wally.

(Letter written by Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)
[address, St. Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, Chelsea, London, SW3]

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October 1, 1965

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
le 1 octobre 1965

Dear Bob,

Sorry to be a bit long in getting this off to you. I hope it is sufficient and not too long. I have nothing to add to Father Epitalon's obituary, and since you have both Archbishop Flahiff and George Beaune working for you on the Novitiate, you should be well looked after there. Things are going smoothly here. The year is off to a good start, and for the moment all the confreres seem to be extremely well, and quite happy. Father Jean Roure is splendid as superior, and it has made him. It looks like an excellent year for mushrooms, which delights Fathers Félix Pouzol and Charles Principe, who, in the absence of Father Charles Roume, are the champion mushroom hunters. Father Roume has been staying down at St. Balban all alone. I don't know what is the matter with him. When I saw him in early September during the retreat he seemed exceptionally well and happy. All the best to each and all, and standing by for further service, if you need or want it.

In Christ,

Wally

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Father Roume's History of the Congregation to 1863 was published in June, 1965, by Volle of Privas (Ardèche). It is 412 pages in length,

and its complete title is: Origines et Formation de la Communauté des Prêtres de Saint-Basile. Contribution à l'Histoire Religieuse du Vivarais.

During the summer a major expansion of the existing building was begun, consisting of a three-storey construction along the front of the College between the two wings. The ground floor will be left open and will be used for recreation in wet weath. The second floor will provide much needed classroom space, and the top floor, a study-hall, a library, and individual rooms. The total cost will be about \$50,000 and part of the building is expected to be in use by Easter. The transformation of the Chapel, to adapt it to the recent liturgical reforms, is under study and will be effected in the course of the school year.

The school staff includes 11 Basilians, 5 Diocesan Priests, and eight laymen. There are 275 students in the seven grades. Tuition ranges from \$75 in the lowest forms, to \$100 in the highest. Board is \$270 a year for the juniors and \$300 for the seniors. The school continues to function under the 'contrat simple' entered into two years ago with the National Ministry of Education, by which staff members receive a salary according to their academic standing and their seniority.

Local Basilian appointments are as follows:
Vocation Groups, Fathers Félix Pouzol and Marcel Lextraît; YCS and Students' Cinema, Father Georges Reynouard; Sacristain, Father Lucien Brot; Altar Boys, Father Charles Principe; Head Prefect and Director of Athletics, Father

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Jacques Deglesne; Prefect of the Junior Division,
Mr. Thomas Joy; Bookstore, Father Fernand
Geneston; Legion of Mary and Library, Father
Wallace Platt.

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February 6, 1966

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
le 6 février 1966.

Dear Bob,

Thanks for two letters. So good of you to take the time. We are slightly out of the swim over here, so that any bits of news are much appreciated. Father Uldège Girard's death was a shoker, of course, but perhaps a blessing. He was one of my first French teachers, and the Basic French course was introduced the year I began High School, 1937. Cy Carter was teaching French that year too. He didn't have the know-how of Uldège, but he appreciated the new system. Then from Grade 10 through Grade 11 it was Father Girard. There was no one on the staff so dapper, so elegant, so efficient as he was. And, as you mentioned in the Newsletter, he got results. Rolly Gagnon knew him at Assumption High School, first as a student, then as a confrere. The change had taken place in between. Sort of sad. Rolly and he were very good friends, but Rolly didn't dare invite him to participate at his First Mass. Uldège felt it keenly.

As perhaps you know, Rolly is quite discouraged with his studies in Lyons. He will probably not proceed to the licence. In fact he's ready to stop tomorrow. His spirits are excellent however. I don't think the confreres here know it yet, but they will soon. It is a lot to ask of people coming over here.

We've had two meetings with Father George Beaune. I don't suppose they could really be called

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regional meetings, as there was nobody present from Paris. We aired the question of the future and possible (and necessary!) expansion. All were of the opinion we should expand, but there seems to be a withdrawal in fear when we begin asking ourselves How? and When? One very good thing about our two meetings was the frankness of speech. I'm not sure we could have discussed so frankly and dispassionately five or ten years ago.

Tom Joy is doing a splendid job here and is very much appreciated. I hope he perseveres - this sort of hope seems to spring up every time you speak about a scholastic now. He has a wonderful temperament for the job, and Father René Robert considers him a real educator.

Kindest regards to all,

Wally.

(Letter written by Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

P. Wallace Platt
June 9, 1966.

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
le 9 juin 1966

Dear Bob,

I appreciated your kind letter. By the way, don't stop sending me the newsletter. Father Jean Roure is rather forgetful, and sometimes the one you send to him sits on his desk until I happen to be in there and see it, and ask him if I might read it and post it on the board.

As you can see from the enclosed text, the 'sermon' at Father Charles Roume's funeral was not really a sermon in the classical sense of the term. It was a short homily, which everyone thought called for, but which nobody wanted too long. There had just been directives sent out from the Chancery on the very point: homilies are to be given at funerals, but eulogies are OUT. Besides this, Father Roume asked in his Will that he be spared anything resembling a eulogy. (By the way, his will is rather touching. Father Roure read it to us in the Chapel the evening of the funeral after Compline. It seemed as though Father Roume was speaking.)

It is summer here and warm. The roses are magnificent. In fact, we've had a wonderful Spring and the Winter was really no problem. Lots of tennis. There is tournament at the moment: George Beaune, Tom Joy and I have all been eliminated (we blame it, of course, on our partners, who are students in each case), but Charlie Principe and Georges Reynouard are still in there. In fact, Charlie might walk off with the laurels.

P. Wallace Platt
June 9, 1966

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Father Robert seems to be doing fine. He still takes pills and things for his nerves, but he is sleeping well, and is in good humour. I think he has come to see how closely we are attached to him and to the college, and this in itself has been encouraging. And from the outside there have been numberless letters and visits, which also have shown him just how much people are in sympathy with him.

I guess George Beaune mentioned that the Bishop said a word at the end of the Funeral Mass, just before the Absolution. It was really a word to the students who were present in the Chapel. This too was very encouraging for René. His remarks had little to do with Father Roume, but much to do with the school and our work.

Please remember me to all at 200. I hope to be in Toronto on the first of August.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wally

P.S. There was a very fine and complimentary review of Father Roume's book in the Ami du Clergé (Apr. 14, 1966 # 15) I'm sending you a copy in case you missed it. W.

(Letter written by Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

P. Wallace Platt
September 18, 1966

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
le 18 sept. 1966.

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your kind letter of the 14th. Bill Marceau's address at Vanves is in a suburb of Paris (actually the next one to Issy) and, so far as I know, he will be living there for the year. I'll try to get you his phone number. I think the rest of the information is correct.

It is not at all necessary for the Annals to have a Lyons address for Father Marcel Lextraît. He'll only spend one night there each week, and, I suppose that sometimes he'll even come back the same day.

George Beaune would have got the Newsletter in Paris, and Paul Broadhurst would have seen it there. Poor Paul is still an orphan re a place to stay for next year. I believe he intends to be in Paris at least until the end of the month.

I hope this information is all in order as requested. If not, just let me know, and I'll do my best to complete it.

At the moment we are in the throes of beginning the academic year. Father René Robert had an assistant prefect all lined up, letters promising to come, etc., and he hasn't showed up. This is not the first time such a thing has happened.

Tom Joy is back from his Father's funeral, a bit pale, but otherwise okay. Georges Reyhouard and Jean Roure are full of stories of their "aventure en Amérique". We must send another batch next years. Kindest regards to all.

Sincerely,

Wally.

Edmund J. McCorkell
March 22, 1965

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
March 22, 1965

Dear Bob,

I made an effort to find a copy of Father Henry Carr's sermon at the funeral of Con Sheehan, but failing to locate it, I wrote to Mrs. Kehoe (Rufot Masales' niece). She told me that she had a copy, as I suppose she typed the original. So she will send the copy, or rather, copy of her copy direct to you.

As I said to you he did not stick slavishly to the typescript. At least Father Bob Miller who was a novice at the time reports that Father Carr said: "he was flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone". This was not in the typed copy that I ran across in his letters.

I found in the packet of letters you gave me on my last visit, copies of sermons at the funerals of Father Thomas Moylan and Father J.B. Flanagan. I shall see that these are not lost.

I am glad to know that there is a new book on the Jesuits. It will appear here in due course. But I am in more hurry to get a book on the theology of the vows by Carpentier, SJ. I left my copy, which was a new one, at Edmonton, I think. Unfortunately I have forgotten the exact title. If you cannot identify it, ask Father Francis Orsini. The book is a kind of modern version of the Catechism of the Vows.

Sincerely yours

E.J. McCorkell, CSB

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Edmund J. McCorkell
September 3, 1965

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
September 3, 1965

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.
Basilian Fathers
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto, Canada
September 3, 1965.

Dear Bob,

I expect to be in Toronto for the Michaelmas Conference on September 10, 11, 12, and perhaps 13, and wish to take advantage of the chance to take another look at the minutes of the Chapter of 1922, and a first look at those of the Chapter of 1928.

Father Wilfrid Sharpe and I were talking about the situation in 1922 and 1923 when there was a small exodus, and the following questions emerged:

1. Were we a Religious Congregation before 1922? Charles E. Coughlin publicly denied that he ever was a religious. On the contrary Father Henry Carr escaped an interview on this denial by a Detroit newspaper reporter, which means that he had the opposite opinion. Father Sharpe and I believe that Father Carr was right.
2. When did we become a Religious Congregation? Did the decree of praise make us such? What was its date?
3. Were there any other temporary approvals of our constitutions or rules after the decree of praise up to 1922?

4. Is there any light on when Basilians began to take care of personal expenses by a personal allowance of \$80 a year supplemented by Mass stipends and personal gifts or private money?
5. Can it be maintained that this method of taking care of personal expenses was simply a special way of administering the vow of Poverty and that the vow itself was essentially the same as it is now. One argument for this view is that we did not renew vows in 1923, but simply indicated that we were going along with the change. On the other hand the few who pulled out at that time were required to seek dispensations from their vows, though Charles E. Coughlin asserted in self-justification that it was ad cautelam.

It would be interesting to see rescripts of the Holy See, or correspondence between the Sacred Congregation and the Basilians (Procurator or Superior General) around 1922 and 1923.

You need not write an answer to the above questions. I shall talk to you about them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

E.J. McCorkell, C.S.B.

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Edmund J. McCorkell
September 17, 1965

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Sept. 17, 1965

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the copy of a letter written by Father M.V. Kelly to Father Henry Carr. I do not think that Father Carr was much interested in the niceties of Canon Law. It did not disturb him that we might not have the right to ordain under the title mensa communis, when he was raised to the priesthood. Of course Father Francis Forster got a sanatio for all at the appropriate time.

I have enough documents now to confuse a Philadelphia lawyer. But I would like to see a copy of the Constitution approved in 1913 for a period of seven years, if one turns up. Undoubtedly it was still in force when the Chapter of 1922 took up the task. Apparently it was approved for seven years. Surley this implies that it was a Congregatio Religiosa provisionally at least.

Kelly's letter does make clear that the French Basilians feel certain that any attempt to change the administration of the vow of poverty would result in the departure of many confreres and I have the impression that it would have ended our existence here. But perhaps not. The crucial point would be the titulus mensae communis. Of the alternatives were ordination for the diocese or Toronto, as the Paulists were ordained for New York. It would have shaken us, I think. But I believe the Paulists are ordained under that title, mensae communis, now. If they got the right, perhaps we could have got it.

Edmund J. McCorkell
September 17, 1965

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If you get a chance ask a Paulist what title they are now ordained under.

I shall go over to Toronto on Friday, Sept. 24. I believe Father Ted Flanagan is being wined and dined in jubilee fashion on Friday. Our committee meetings are on Saturday and Sunday.

Faithfully in Dmo.

E.J. McCorkell, C.S.B.

(Letter written to Father Robert Scollard.
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the general archives of the Basilian Fathers
in Toronto)

Edmund J. McCorkell
February 28, 1966

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618

Reverend Robert Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 5, Canada

Dear Father Scollard,

I have notes on a letter Father Henry Carr sent to me on October 7, 1947, in response to a request for suggestions about a revised Vademecum. He outlined what might be called a spiritual directory. Such a volume (he wrote) should be able to enkindle new ideas, year by year, on the great doctrines of the spiritual life, the religious life, the priesthood, life of teaching, etc. The prayers and devotions of the present edition could be retained as Part II. A final section should be a summary of the doctrine of Basilian life, such that Basilians could go back to it to renew their religious outlook and spirit. It should contain (perhaps part IV) a competent account of meditation and how to use it profitably. Likewise particular examen, and an exhortation on the value of spiritual reading.

These are notes, but I cannot find the letter. I do not yet know whether I can incorporate these notes in the biography, but in any case I think they are worth putting on file some place.

Faithfully yours in Domino,

E.J. McCorkell, C.S.B.

February 28, 1966

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Edmund J. McCorkell
September 20, 1966

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St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14618
Sept. 20

Dear Bob,

I shall reconstruct the homily I gave during the Convention from notes, most of which I still have. But let it stand for a few weeks. Perhaps also I shall set about doing the St. Basil's Day talk, though most of my notes are on the student affair of June 18, which is substantially the same, though slightly less Basilian, and more educational.

If there is anyone motoring to Rochester, have him ask at the switchboard at St. Michael's College for articles intended for me, which I forgot to pick up - even a hat but especially a small box of tablets. I shall not call them pills.

AS Ever,

E.J.McC.

(Note written by Father E.J. McCorkell to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Francis M. Sheahan
March 23, 1965

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Basilian Fathers
1100 Huron Line
Windsor - Ont.
March 23, 1965

Dear Bob,

In reply to your letter our Retreat is set for Sunday June 20th to Friday June 25th; the preacher is Father John Madden, C.S.B.

In regard to a picture of George Phelan I still don't have a very good one. However I believe I can get one, so let me work on it and I will send you one as soon as I can.

Everybody is quite well here. We are getting more snow today, supposed to get up to six inches today and eight by tomorrow. Certinaly is very unusual for here. Hope we aren't bogged down like the last one.

Hope this finds you all well. Hope to see you around Easter. My best to all.

Frank.

(Letter written by Father Francis Sheahan to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Francis M. Sheahan
September 27, 1965

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Basilian Fathers
1100 Huron Line
Windsor - Ont.
September 27, 1965

Dear Bob,-

I am enclosing a picture of George Phelan, which Vin Fullerton tells me you want for the Annals. I believe this is the one that we decided on, however I do have an enlargement of it if this is more useful to you. If you would rather have the larger one, let me know and I will send it to you.

I imagine Vin filled you in on the news from here. Things are going pretty well. Our enrolment is down about forty from last year which is much better than it looked during the summer. Vince Paré is in the hospital. He needs some surgery but developed a cold and so they are waiting until he gets rid of it before they operate. Dave Klein is out of the hospital. He slipped a disc and is coming along slowly. He did start teaching today.

Hope this finds you well. Give my best to all the confreres.

Frank.

(Letter written by Father Francis Sheahan to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Francis M. Sheahan
February 3, 1966

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Basilian Fathers
1100 Huron Line
Windsor - Ont.
February 3, 1966

Dear Bob,

I talked to Father Uldège Girard's brother-in-law last night and he will send you a picture of G. Hope it is alright as I couldn't locate anything suitable here. Let me know if it isn't or doesn't arrive and I'll see what I can do.

Vin Fullerton has a touch of the flue but isn't too bad. Cy Howard goes Saturday to have the cast removed. Everybody else is well.

Frank.

(Letter written by Father Francis Sheahan to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Wilfrid J. Dwyer
April 6, 1965

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St. Basil's Church
940 Rex Avenue
Ottawa 13, Ontario
April 6, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Greetings and salutations! How is your supply of Vademecums? I would like to have (15) fifteen copies of the new, latest edition at your earliest convenience.

I hope to be calling on you during the second week after Easter and if I haven't sent you the price, I will pay you then. Perhaps with the new look and liturgical movement in the prayer-life of the C.S.B.'s the Vade's will have to be sold at a loss until they become a collector's item.

We are rejoicing in the faint signs of Spring that have timidly emerged in Ottawa, - the snow banks are almost gone.

With every best wish for a Happy Easter,

Sincerely inChrist

W.J. Dwyer, C.S.B.

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M. Stanley Lynch
April 8, 1965

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Blessed Sacrament Church
3707 Queen Street
Windsor, Ontario
April 8, 1965

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for sending me the Ontario Rugby and Football Union files. I thought they had been lost, along with a lot of other things, during the war years. I will send them to the ORFU and have them file them away, as they cover a very interesting period.

I am sure the Abbot (Father Hubert Coughlin) gave permission to his class to smoke. For many, smoking is a psychological manifestation of environmental insecurity, or even inadequacy to cope, and it would have my hearty approval. I think they should draw the line to smoking in chapel.

I have had a bout with the flu, and all are well here.

Cheerio and many thanks.

M.S. Lynch.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Arthur J. O'Leary
April 19, 1965

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St. Basil Mission Center
1713 North Tinsley
Angleton, Texas
April 19, 1965

Dear Bob -

Thanks for the card. They are a very wonderful group to work with, those people of Owen Sound, and they overlook many short comings such as leaving out Kyries.

I have been made most welcome by the good people of Sweeny and with their help we were able to put on all the Holy Week Services, and come Easter Sunday at supper time I was tired but very happy the way everything turned out.

And talking about the weather. I stepped off a snow bank in Owen Sound to July in Sweeny. You never saw such lovely roses they have in bloom around the church. It is all truly wonderful.

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(Letter written by Father Arthur O'Leary to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Michael J. Oliver
April 28, 1965

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Saint Pius the Tenth Parish
2420 - 24th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
April 28, 1965.

Dear Father Bob. -

I heard a rumor that you were rather short of money. The enclosed will not do much to solve your problem but you might as well have it when it is available.

The calendar says it is spring and the daylight is longer than the darkness, yet there is little warmth in the ground. I suppose we are too close to the mountains. Some wag said there are two seasons in Calgary: winter and stampede week.

Had a visit yesterday from our new Regional Representative.

Best wishes. Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

P.S. I send the enclosed to you for these reasons:

- 1) You are probably at home.
- 2) You know where it should go.
- 3) I might get some news in return.

M.J.O.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Michael J. Oliver
June 1, 1965

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Saint Pius the Tenth Parish
2420 - 24th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
June 1, 1965.

Dear Father Bob.-

Many thanks for your letter and the news.

Re Father Henry Carr and his trip to Europe both Father E.J. McCorkell and yourself are both wrong. He did not go to study Philosophy but to speak German. He lived at a pension in Berlin and followed a conversation course. Peter Moloney did likewise. You can reach Peter at the Connaught Lab. or at his home at 56 St. Mary's St. Phone him. Nor did they go or come by cattle ship.

Thanks also for the "Sermon".

I plan to go to Toronto for Miss Ellard's celebration June 17. Hope to arrive late Sunday evening, June 13. If all's well plan to show up at St. Basil's dinner. Tell Father Wey if he is home and Father Hugh Curran.

Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Michael J. Oliver
August 20, 1965

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Saint Pius the Tenth Parish
2420 - 24th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
August 20, 1965

Dear Father Scollard. -

I am grateful to you for your last letter and the news it gives. Recently I was chatting with Msgr. Anderson who used to be secretary to Bishop Kidd. He mentioned a point which was new to me re our beginnings in Vancouver. It is this. Archbishop Duke was seeking an answer to the Catholic College from his early years in Vancouver. The Jesuits - Father Hings-ton and later Father Fillion - turned down his proposition. It would be interesting to know what the proposition was. Perhaps the S.J.'s archives could tell you.

Bishop Murray, C.Ss.R., of Victoria was evidently aware of Archbishop Duke's problem. When he was moved to Saskatoon he became quite friendly with Father Henry Carr and then advised Archbishop Duke that Father Carr was the man to consult. As a result Father Carr was invited to go to Vancouver in 1937. He has recorded the story from that time.

I enclose a copy of an effort of yesterday to record an idea when returning recently from Vancouver. I sent a copy to Father John Staple-ton who was on the scene of the Great Divide recently. Your copy is later than his. Please bring his up-to-date when you are at the Sem.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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THE GREAT DIVIDE

A mountain stream that runs near Field, B.C.
In summertime no wider than your hand,
For countless tourists is a sight to see,
Because it marks a famous height of land.

A stone in centre stream divides the way.
The downward course to right and left now
falls;

The eastern branch is borne to Hudson's Bay,
The other to the Sunset Ocean's walls.

'Tis so in life when we confront "the stone"
We turn to east or west, to left or right
A life decision we must face alone
With help of prudence, prayer to Love and Light.

The course we choose will take us far and wide
When our time comes to face "THE GREAT DIVIDE".

August 19, 1965. M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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Michael J. Oliver
August 25, 1965

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Saint Pius the Tenth Parish
2420 - 24th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
August 25, 1965

Dear Father Scollard. -

You are a firm believer in the text: "Ask and you shall receive." Have been wondering what I could send you in the way of memoirs so that you would not lose your faith.

In my brief remarks at the St. Basil's Day dinner in 1964 I made reference to the beginning of our Novitiate in 1910. The history of the Novitiate and novices from 1892 to 1922 might well be studied before all the personal evidence is longer available.

Because of the change in the vow there were, I think, certain changes in the outlook of the Basilians - before and after. Perhaps you have already plenty of material in this field. However, as you well know, the cold record of names and professions does not tell the full story.

Personally I am not a very good witness but I could suggest at once two points which could be explored which might be of interest to young Basilians today.

1) Basilians of that period - before 1922 - in my opinion, considered themselves as religious. The change in the vow did not add any essential factor to their way of life as such.

2) Dan Dillon, Wilf Sharpe and myself finished our ten day retreat at the Novitiate August 15, 1910. We were not admitted as novices until September 17. Why. I suggest you ask Father Sharpe. I think his account would be more accurate than mine.

Michael J. Oliver
August 25, 1965

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Not much, but it is a start. Best wishes

Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

The Rev. R. Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 5, Ontario.

(On an enclosed note)

Dear Father Bob.- Tel me more re Fr. B. & his coming to Calgary. Have you said too little or too much? I have mentioned it to no one.

Is Erindale for sale or sold?

How is Father Muckle and Father McCorkell?

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Michael J. Oliver
August 31, 1965

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Saint Pius the Tenth Parish
2420 - 24th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
August 31, 1965

Dear Father Scollard.-

If these lines are not as straight as they should be, the reason is that I am sitting outside in the Alberta sunshine and writing this with my knee for a table.

I regret that my last effort was a disappointment to you. When you dismiss my "Great Divde" as a "bit of poetry", I realize that I did not impress you deeply in High School with the graceful form and beauty of the sonnet; or should I rather accept it as the judgment of an expert and eat humble pie?

Am at a loss to know just what you mean by "memoirs". I'll make another try and you will let me know if my effort qualifies. Here is an incident of my early life which impressed me deeply at the time.

When I was an altar boy at Barrie and about seven years of age we had the "Forty Hours". It may well have been the first time this devotion was held in Barrie because the altar boys didn't know what to do. We were dressed and ready for action at 7.30 p.m. Several priests from neighboring parishes gathered round. The pastor, Dean Egan, went out and announced that Father A would hear confessions in the confessional on the epistle side. Father B on the gospel side, Father C at the Communion rail on the right and he himself at the rail on the left.

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The altar boys had no part in it. We suspected there would be Benediction at a later hour. Accordingly we took off our surplices and soutanes and were making our way to the school yard back of the church. At this point Father Moyna from Orillia was coming from the Rectory to the Church. In his high-pitched, Irish voice he called to us. "Where are you going?" After the first shock, Joe Kearns had the courage to say, "Up to the school yard to play ball." Father Moyna promptly replied, "Come down out of there and go into the Church, or I'll break every bone in your body."

With doubt in my mind that he could or would do so, if not obeyed, I came down at once but not to the "vestry" as we called the sacristy. I went into the Church by the side door and out the front door and ran for home. So ended my first "Forty Hours".

In fairness to Father Moyna I should add that when Dean Egan died and Father Moyna became pastor of Barrie we became good friends. I was at St. Michael's at that time. We had many talks about education. I think I still have a paper he wrote on Catholic Education.

Is this the sort of "memoirs" you want? I could go on to give you some impressions of

- 1) The Catholic Separate School at Barrie
- 2) The Barrie Collegiate Institute
- 3) St. Michael's College 1906-1910
- 4) St. Basil's Novitiate & Scholasticate 1910-14
- 5) The Catholic University at Washington, D.C. 1914-15.

With kindest personal regards to your House,
Fraternally yours in Christ,
M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

Michael J. Oliver
September 21, 1965

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Saint Pius the Tenth Parish
2420 - 24th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
September 21, 1965

Dear Father Scollard. -

This is a second effort to give you some memories of the past. I shall try in this letter to give you a few things I remember about the primary and secondary schools that I attended in Barrie. If I repeat something I said before, I know you will forgive me.

The separate school in Barrie was a four room school - two grades in each room - taught by four Sisters of St. Joseph. As many students did, I managed the first two grades, i.e. Junior First and Senior First in one year.

In Senior II we had as our teacher Sister Leonia who was trained as a nurse. One of the textbooks we had, required by the Department of Education, was called Physiology. I don't remember using it above Senior II; perhaps we did. However, under Sister Leonia's guidance we learned about the circulation of the blood, the respiratory system and the nervous system. But the outstanding feature of the text was the emphasis on evil effects of alcohol and nicotine. The picture drawn by the Hon. Judy Lamarsh and the M.D.'s is quite tame to that of the text in the middle nineties. I still remember how smoke caused "the inflammation of the mucous membrane of the mouth" and so on down with horrible results. One of the most guesome items was a picture of "the hob-nailed liver". I warned my father about. He smoked a strong pipe. He took my warning in good part but the

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pipe remained. This anxiety of the textbook as I remember was concerned not with promoting the moderate use of alcohol and nicotine but was strongly averse to any use of them. Such an attitude is still more remarkable since the polite use of cigarettes was not in vogue until the First World War.

Sister Waltrude in Junior 4th stands out as a top teacher. She was related to Inspector Lee. I got the Entrance in June 1901.

For the next five years I went to the Barrie Collegiate Institute popularly called the B.C.I. I am not sure what was the distinction between a collegiate and a high school. I think it had something to do with the degrees which the teachers had.

There were very few Catholics at the school. I remember Alf Crossland, the uncle of Father Crossland and Mamie Powell, the mother of Father Dave Stanley, S.J. As I recall both were there for two years. The student body was, I believe about two hundred in number.

On the staff were five men and one woman: Messrs. Reddit, Hay, Minns, Morrison, Aubin and Hinch and Miss Moir. I think Morrison succeeded Hinch who was there only one year.

None of the teachers was Catholic. I must say I was well treated by staff and students. As far as religion is concerned I don't think the school did me any harm. If in history, for example, anything was said against the Church I put it down to ignorance on their part.

I was quite short at this time and didn't grow up until my second last year at school and then

rather quickly. As a result I was too small to take much part in the senior games. In fact we spent little time at sport. At noon and at recess we could kick around a soccer football, that was about all.

On one occasion when we were playing soccer, the ball coming down in the air was kicked by Hugh Ritchie. He broke the ball. Hugh went on to become an engineer at University of Toronto, and practised at New Westminster, B.C. For the first three years we had drill for one half hour, three times a week. Towards the end of the year we were inspected by a visiting military officer. We used real rifles and bayonets but no ammunition.

At the end of third year we could try for Junior Matriculation or the Junior Teachers. The latter gave one a second Class Teachers Certificate. At the end of Upper School - two more years - one tried the Honor Matriculation or the Senior Teachers. Very few tried the Hon. Matriculation. I took the Junior Matriculation and the Senior Teachers. Some students after teaching for some years came back to secure a higher standing. It was, I think, a little before my time that a student could qualify as Teacher Third Class after two years at high school. The College of Education opened in Toronto in the Fall of 1907 and became the training ground for high school teachers.

The following custom will illustrate the change which has come about in the deportment of young people since the first decade of this century. The school was on the edge of the town at the East end. The majority of the students walked back and forth on the same side of the street.

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Before and after school it made quite a procession. If, however, a boy and girl even walked together coming to or going from school, the boy would be "rubbered" by the other boys. This was quite a painful treatment. The staff had nothing to do with it. How different from the present day practice!

With best wishes

Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

The Rev. R. Scollard, C.S.B.
200 Russell Hill Road,
Toronto 7, Ontario.

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Michael J. Oliver
October 2, 1965

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Saint Pius the Tenth Parish
2420 - 24th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
October 2, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

You say you want memoirs of my undergraduate days at St. Michael's College, I'll try.

However, before starting I would like to add this to my reference to Collegiate used in a previous letter. I think I have found the distinction between the terms High School and Collegiate. In an Education Act of Ontario in 1871 High Schools were set up for advanced studies and if such a school had four masters and sixty or more students, and taught Latin and Greek it had the right to receive further grants and could be called a Collegiate. Such was the Barrie Collegiate Institute.

Before deciding definitely what I would do I was planning on getting a University degree. I heard of the University of Ottawa and wrote there in the summer of 1906. I also paid a short visit to St. Michael's College. I remember Father Albert Dumouchel and Father John Plomer and others sitting out in front under the oak tree in the afternoon. Father Plomer took me to see Father Henry Carr. When I explained my situation he said I could come and he would help me with First Year Honor Classics. The Barrie Collegiate Institute Principal, Mr. T. Redditt, had suggested to me Classics or Mathematics when I consulted him about a course. I was inclined to go to the University of Toronto because it was the Provincial University and I knew some of the students there from Barrie.

At this time, the academic year 1906-1907, St. Michael's College was starting to revamp its courses to permit students to get the Junior Matriculation, and the University of Toronto B.A. degree. According to the previous system the courses at St. Michael's College were as follows:

- 1) First Commercial, which was a business course, bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, etc. Second and Third Commercial were like Grades 8 and 7 or even lower.
- 2) First, Second and Third Latin, like a three year High School course; Belle-Lettres and Rhetoric, like First and Second years of a college course; Philosophy First and Second, like Third and Fourth year of College. In addition there were a few (5-10) Theologians who were given a course more or less like that of a seminary. The theologians often helped as part time teachers in Latin First, Second or Third and in Commercial Second or Third. Such teachers were called Masters.

In 1906-1907 Third Latin was prepared as a class to write Junior Matriculation in June-July 1907. Heretofore, a few (three or four a year at most) of this year were given some extra help to write the Junior Matriculation. These were called the Varsity Class. And so after 1905-1906 there was no more Varsity Class. Also in 1906-1907 academic year the Belles Lettres class was prepared to write the Senior Matriculation which was considered the equivalent of First Year Pass at University of Toronto.

With the Senior Teacher's certificate from Barrie Collegiate Institute I could have entered

Rhetoric or even Philosophy since I had two years after Junior Matriculation. But this would not lead to a university degree. The result was that I took first year Honor Classics, which was plenty since I had no Greek in high school. Since I already had all the pass subjects from my high school credits I had only the honour subjects, Latin, Greek and Ancient History. Father Carr coached me in Greek and Father Terrence Finnigan in Latin and Ancient History. I got by, but to continue in Classics I would have to take my courses at University College due to the increased teaching load of Father Carr at St. Michael's College.

The year 1907-1908 saw more changes. Those SMC students who got the Senior Matriculation - eight at most - were qualified to enter Second Pass or Second Honor Philosophy at University of Toronto. The latter was offered at St. Michael's and was the only course offered. I went along with this Second Philosophy Class. There was another good reason in my case for doing this. I was invited to join the staff of St. Michael's College as one of the "masters". A master received free room and board and \$80.00 a year. He wore the cassock and took his meals with the priests at the staff table. When leaving home a year before my father said he would take care of my expenses for two years and after that I would be on my own. This invitation to teach part time would release my father of this responsibility. I was glad to take it.

During my first year at S.M.C. the fees for board and tuition were \$160.00. Some semi-private rooms were available at \$25.00. My roommate was Joe MacDonald from North Bay who later became a

medical doctor; a very fine man. The second year as a master I lived on the priests corridor, the second floor above the main entrance, the second room on the north side of the east part of the hallway. My roommate for the first year was Davie Hall who was a Theologian and became a very good priest. For the next two years E. J. McCorkell was my roommate. He had graduated from the Ontario College of Education the previous year, a member of its first class of students.

One of the subjects I took at Barrie Collegiate Institute was German. There was need of a teacher of High School German at St. Michael's. I was chosen for it. This in addition to Algebra and Geometry. At the end of the first year of teaching, knowing I had two years more to go before graduating, and knowing how poorly equipped I was to speak German, I decided to spend the summer in Germany. It was not unusual for university students to work their way to England on cattle boats tending the live cattle. At this time modern refrigeration was not available. Such a job gave one free passage at least one way. This I arranged to do. I was to sail from Ontreal. When I submitted my plan to my father, he objected and bought me a ticket from Toronto via the North German Lloyd line and I sailed from Hoboken.

This tangent could become quite lengthy. To be brief let me say I had three months at Baden-Baden. I got a job as a secretary at the International Club which paid for my expenses. They wanted me to stay a year but I thought I should carry on for my degree. I learned to speak German quite well, but due to World War One the

demand for German declined drastically. By the way, one of the activities of the International Club was two weeks of racing in August. One of the scenes in "My Fair Lady" will show you what it was like in 1908.

I have been asked to extend my observations on my visit to Germany. I don't mind. True enough there are not many today who can give first-hand reports of conditions before World War One.

First of all I should explain why I went to Baden-Baden. I had no German relatives, nor had I any friends in Germany. I went to the German Consul in Toronto and he gave me a letter to Mr. Risch of the Mason-Risch Piano Company of Toronto, who was at this time retired and living in Baden-Baden. Mr. Risch kindly managed to get me a room at a "pension" or pub where he himself often spent the evening.

The Church of England maintained a Chapel and minister in Baden-Baden for the benefit of the many English visitors. I looked him up and he put me in touch with the chief secretary of the Club and that was how I got a job as English Secretary.

People who have know Europe and especially before and after World War One, say that things changed so much that they were never the same again. I can readily believe that though I was never to Europe since 1908. What I saw belonged rather to the previous century. Baden-Baden was probably the top social Watering Place in Europe. I was working at The Club. As members, we had high society from royalty down, and there is a long list of grades in the German aristocracy. In social prestige and etiquette English and

the English ranked first. When Edward was Prince of Wales he was a regular member. English terms such as lunch and high tea were used.

There were three of us in the "secretariat". I frequently had to write letters by hand in the English script we use today. The German script was going out of fashion. To make copies of outgoing letters we used a press, not carbon paper.

At that time I was under twenty years of age but even then I felt that the social life especially at the Club was very very worldly. The prestige given to wealth and station was so evident. I was not brought up that way. I was not favorably impressed. In this regard I suppose "society" in the fashionable sense of the term is more or less the same in every age. However, I still think the social set of Baden-Baden in 1908 represented an era in Europe which came to an end in 1914.

I made friends with one of the priests in the parish, an excellent man. Sometimes I visited the classrooms when he gave religious instruction. I got the impression that the ordinary, poorer people were good Catholics but that the Catholic religion or any other was not in favor in society or in the State. Yet the Baden Principality was largely Catholic. Whether this is a true estimate I cannot say. I give you only how it appeared to me. I was told at the time of the growing power and leadership of Prussia. Austria was more popular with the people of Baden than was Prussia. I suppose remote preparations for war were already under way.

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One day we left the office to go out about a mile to see an airship. Count Zeppelin sailed overhead with his third model. It was quite a sight and much admired by the crowd: "wunderbar, grossartig, ausgezeightnet" were some of the compliments. It crashed the next day. Airships looked nice but were not practical.

About the end of August my father sent me enough money to come home. I think it was \$200.00 The money was paid to me in small gold coins laid out in a square as we were told in history was the custom of the old Court of the Exchequer.

I sailed from Rotterdam to New York and passed through Ellis Island. On the train out of New York someone asked me the time and unconsciously I replied in German.

The discipline relaxed at St. Michael's College as a student advanced in years. The philosophers had a rather kindly rule under "Vasch" as Father Adolphe Vaschalde, C.S.B., was known familiarly. He objected strongly to noise but his bark was much worse than his bite. The philosophers were a group apart. That left students of Rhetoric as the seniors of the student body. The recreation master (a priest) and his assistant (a master) kept a tight hand in the whereabouts of the students at all times.

For example, I remember walking in the "small yard" one day with Bill Heffron who was assistant recreation master. It was in September about a week after opening. A boarding student who was at College the previous year showed up in the yard. He had arrived the day before. Bill had not been notified. He said to me, "I

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have been trying to find out where Pardie Quinn slept last night. I've come to the conclusion that he slept in the Provincial's room and made the bed himself this morning." Before accosting Pardie, Bill wanted to find out on his own just what happened. He was a wonderful fellow. We put the soutane on the same day in September 1907. He was a late vocation. He came from Scranton, Pa., but as a priest he worked in Winnipeg and died there.

(Letter of Father Michael Oliver to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Michael J. Oliver
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Dear Bob -

Thanks for your letter and news which came today.
Glad you like the last effort.

There is one great difficulty coming in this work. I don't remember exactly what I have already covered. This will become greater if I continue. Perhaps you are having my letters typed. A carbon copy would be very helpful. From now on I'll do this myself.

Yours -

M.J.O.

For Father Scollard

What year was Novitiate moved to Richmond Hill?

What year was the old Novitiate torn down?

When did Father Laurence Brennan buy the 50 acre farm for St. Michael's College? Just before 1892. When?

When was the second handball court built? Was it new or the old one moved?

I have the impression that there were not many novices 1900-1910. In fact after 1892 not many. Have you the figures?

Am working on the Novitiate year. The above information would help.

I think you have the first edition of the Times and Spirit of Class 1910 at St. Michael's College. Edition II is somewhat enlarged and corrected.

M.J.O.

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Saint Pius the Tenth Parish
2424 - 24th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
Oct. 25, 1965.

Dear Father Bob.-

Thanks for your budget of news.

In your letter you said nothing about sending me a copy of what was sent you earlier. If it is not convenient to copy it, send it to me and I'll have it typed. In this way I'll have a complete copy avoid repetition.

Have never before had such a complete report re the financial set-up of the venture of Bishop O'Grady.

I received today some memoirs from Miss Rose Edworthy re the Novitiate. Am having a copy made for you. You would be doing an act of charity and a favor to me if you would call as often as you can to see Rose at Room 55 Carmel Heights, Erindale. Now that the Novitiate is gone, she has few callers. For 30 years more or less her life has been with the novices and she has worked hard. Now she is grounded and lonesome. Pray for her.

Regards to all

M.J.O.

(Letter written by Father Michael Oliver to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

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Saint Pius the Tenth Parish
2420 - 24th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
Nov. 3, 1965.

Dear Father Scollard, -

Many thanks for your letter and for copies of my first efforts. They will help to keep me from repeating.

The enclosed pages are intended to deal with my undergrad days at St. Michael's College, 1906 - 1910. As you see they are not quite complete. I am trying to get a few facts from Msgr. John O'Connor. Joe Greenan is no help to me on this point. There may be a few more incidents included which will make it more amusing. However, I thought I should send you what I have and see what you think of it. Perhaps you will suggest something that you think should be included. I have another copy and so I don't want this one returned.

Have also done a rough sketch on the Novitiate year and sent it on to Father Wilfrid Sharpe. Not back yet.

Thanks for you news about Rose Edworthy. Glad to hear she is not without callers. Will send you a copy of her notes soon. Am having them typed.

Wisely or not the group I have chiefly in mind when writing these memoirs is the present day members of the Novitiate. What do you think?

With best wishes.

Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

THE TIME AND SPIRIT OF ONETY-NAUGHT AT S.M.C.

The academic transformation which took place at St. Michael's College, during my undergraduate years, '06 - '10, has been well written by Father Henry Carr a few years before his death. There is nothing I can add to that in so far as the events and development are concerned. One point, however, should be made clear, which is not fully evident from his own account. Father Carr himself played such an important part in this change that it would not have come about - at least not at that time - without his participation and guidance.

As Father Carr mentions in his paper, great credit should also be given to Father Nicholas Roche who was superior during these years. He gave full support to the changes and managed to get approval from his council and his superiors, which I think was sometimes not an easy matter. Nevertheless it was Father Carr, who, from his knowledge of university men, courses and methods of procedure, who was the real director of various steps, which finally launched St. Michael's as an active Federated College at the University of Toronto.

I have already said something of my first year at St. Michael's '06 - '07. Starting my second year I joined the Honour Philosophy course, which as I mentioned above was the only course given at St. Michael's College at that time, which would lead to the B.A. of the University of Toronto. Joe Greenan was a student, who like myself, repeated the year in order to qualify for the degree.

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We had Philosophy as an honour subject for three years. This was taught chiefly by Father Adolphe Vaschalde. Father John R. Grant gave a course in Ethics. In fourth year Father Carr gave a course in the Nicomachean Ethics from the Greek text. For pass subjects we had over the three years:

- 1) A course in light, given by Professor Chant.
- 2) A course in English given by Professor Alexander of the University College staff at U.C.
- 3) A course in Economics given by Professor Mavor.

The last two were given by the University Staff since they were university subjects.

Sometimes it was quite a rush for me after teaching a class in the high school to change and get to a university lecture on time, and then perhaps hurry back again to teach another class.

I remember one occasion when a girl came late to an English lecture. She nonchalantly walked all the way across the front of the room to find a seat. Professor Alexander was provoked by the interruption and in part commented: "I would have you know, Miss, that women are only tolerated at this University." How times have changed! At that time all the girls were officially "women" and all the boys were "men". "Kids" went to grade school, and to the lower grades at that.

In Economics I was always entertained by Prof. Mavor's vocabulary and manner. He could pour

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out with ease a spate of technical terms and big words, then be stymied by a very simple word, and finally forcefully explode. One day he was making a point of the part nature sometimes plays against the plans of men. He was describing a grain elevator situated for convenience on the bank of a river. "Owing to the periodic inundations of the river, the grain was swollen and the elevator - ah - ah - ah - burst."

Every week Prof. Mavor told us to read two or three books, which of course I couldn't and didn't do. But he was entertaining. At lecture one day, he commented unfavorably on the fact that I was not taking notes and suggested that I imitate the industry of the man who was next to me. The man next to me was sketching Jimmie Mavor. To illustrate my ignorance, when Prof. was talking about the theory of laissez faire I thought he meant les affaires. However, in the late Spring of that year I contracted scarlet fever and was unable to write the exams. I had to write off Economics in September, but had some time during the summer to prepare for it.

By the way Professor Mavor is given the credit - or blame - for being instrumental in bringing the Doukhobors to Canada.

If asked to sum up in one sentence the influence of university federation on our life in distinction to college life before 1907, I should say: Our contacts in lectures and other occasions dispelled the timidity, or perhaps fear of university education which is often associated with something unknown. Furthermore we felt that we had what non-Catholics had, and in addition we had our religious heritage at St. Michael's. We felt this gave us an advantage over the students at the other colleges of the University.



Perhaps the most important factor in the promotion of college spirit at this time was the great extension of athletics and the remarkable success in handball, football and hockey. In previous years baseball had been quite active. There is a story, which I think is true, that St. Michael's introduced baseball to Toronto. There is a picture of this first team, a group of remarkable young men. The captain was J.J. Barrett who later was a pastor in Troy, N.Y. In the twenties he became president of the College Alumni Association. However, baseball was no longer as popular as before because of the shorter university year both in fall and spring and also because of the reduced number of American students.

The three sports above mentioned had been played at St. Michael's for years and quite successfully. In my time there were stories of previous heroes of unsurpassed skill such as Jack Shanahan in handball, Tom Roach, later Rev. T. Roach, CSB, in putting the shot, and Joe Dooley in football.

What was added at this time was, I think, a broader participation by the student body and, more important, better coaching and fuller competition in organized sports in the City and Province. The first St. Michael's Junior Ontario Hockey Association team was in the fall of 1906. By 1909 we had moved to Senior O.H.A. and some good players, not St. Michael's students, were taken on and played under the same name, coaching and management. At that time Senior O.H.A. was tops. Professional hockey was getting under way but had not yet reached Toronto.



On pae page of the 1910 Year Book there is a photo of the athletic trophies won that year and in the background the members of the Athletic Committee. There are seven cups on display:

- (1) The Intercollegiate Handball Cup equivalent to the City Championship.

In Football:

- (2) The Third Team won the Cup given to the Champions of the Junior City League, who then defeated Parkdale Collegiate Team, the winners of the City High School Legaue.
- (3) The Junior Ontario Rugby Football Union Cup.
- (4) The Denison Cup for the Junior Dominion Championship.

In Hockey:

- (5) The Harold A. Wilson Cup for the City Championship.
- (6) The John Ross Robertson Cup for the Senior O.H.A. Championship.
- (7) TheSir Montague Allan Cup for the Canadian Amateur Championship.

To round out the story of athletic success in 1910 the Year Book included a picture of the Varsity First Football Team, Senior Dominion Champions, and winners of the Grey Cup which was competed for in 1909 for the first time. Stars on this team were: "Big Jack" McDonald, a former St. Michael's College student from Lindsay and Hugh "Bull" Ritchie from Barrie. The former was the uncle of Miss Peggy Gourlay of Vancouver; the latter kicked off the ball when the Grey Cup Final was first played in Vancouver in 1955.

It is not easy to convey to the present generation, the impact of St. Michael's on the sporting world and especially on the Catholics of Toronto. It was a revolution; it pulled them together; they had something to cheer about. Some even placed St. Michael's hockey team high on their list for prayers. At a hockey game at Mutual Street Rink I myself have seen a rosary dangling from a woman's muff in the waving hand of an enthusiastic fan. Again one man told me he was saying the beads all through one game, but only finished one decade.

Under Father Carr's coaching the Football team made some notable contributions to the game. For example, he emphasized speed rather than weight even on the line. The end runs were a sight to see and usually quite successful. The position of the kicker was quite close to the line. At times a sequence of plays from one signal baffled the opponents. After the Alert match I overheard an impartial comment which summed up rather neatly the College team and their style of play: "It was a case of brains against brawn".

The effect within the College was also quite revolutionary. During the football season it was customary to celebrate a Saturday afternoon victory by an evening bonfire and singsong in the college yard. From November 2nd to December 11th in 1909, there was only one evening without such a celebration. That day the opponents defaulted.

Looking back it is not surprising to realize that some of the staff were perhaps concerned that the College discipline was getting out of hand. To my sorrow I suffered an experience,

the result of such concern on March 16, 1910. The Hockey Team were going to Kingston to play Queen's University for the Allan Cup emblematic of the Hockey Championship of Canada. It was the last game of the season. The next day was St. Patrick's Day, a College holiday. I went to Father Nicholas Roche for permission to go. I thought I had a good case. It was my last year. I had successfully managed a junior College team and our season was over. No need of being absent from class since the team was returning the next day, the holiday. I had been three years on the staff. Yes, I thought I had a very good case.

But before I said a word Father Roche blasted my hopes. "Now, Michael", he said, "there is one thing I don't want you to ask me." He knew what I wanted. I knew what the answer would be. I never liked to plead and so in my pride and ill-concealed anger I asked: "Are we going to have a holiday tomorrow?" and walked out with an affirmative answer.

There is a good story which shows how even some of the senior priests were affected by the success of the hockey team. Father T.J. Hayes and Father A.A. Vaschalde walking home from the rink one night after a College victory became so engrossed over the features of the contest that they passed St. Joseph Street and were up to Bloor Street before they realised it.

There is another story about Father Hayes which I can vouch for. He was the college bursar and as such had to pay all the bills. The hockey teams got permission to have some practices at the Mutual Street Rink in addition to the many practices they had in the College yard.

In due time Father Carr, the athletic director, received a bill from the rink for \$300. When it was passed to Father Hayes he read it as \$3.00 and undertook to pay the account with three one dollar bills. He always carried a good sized roll. There is more than a hint in this episode of the previous outlook of the College re spending for athletics or indeed for anything else. The budget was balanced by the practice of economics unheard of in the present "Affluent Society".

At this distance - 1965 - it is impossible to recapture the spirit that prevailed at St. Michael's in 1909-1910. We were pioneers; we were engaged in new fields and setting new records. Our horizon was growing and glowing. We were, at least we thought we were, members of the first St. Michael's Class to obtain the B.A. of the University of Toronto. Many years later I learned that we were graduates of University College. It seems that according to the technical procedure required, St. Michael's had to carry a class through to graduation before it was officially recognized as a Federated College of the University. The class of 1911 is, therefore, the first. However, for all practical purposes we were the first. This is taken for granted in the College yearbook which was published in 1910 for the first time. Likewise for the first time in the University annual, the *Torontonensis*, we had our St. Michael's section as the three other colleges had.

With the aid of Father Carr and the designer at Ryrie's Jewelry Store we designed the big "M" for proficiency in athletics. From the same source and inspiration we set up a new

coat-of-arms which appeared first in the year-book and was later officially adopted by the College for its seal. (I gave the man at Ryrie's a box of cigars).

Father Kelly, popularly known as "M.V." was pastor at St. Basil's at this time. He himself was a graduate of the University of Toronto. For Father Kelly federation, now accomplished, fulfilled a dream entertained for many years. After Convocation ceremonies in June 1910, the five graduates returned to St. Michael's and were given places of honor at the priests' table for evening dinner. These were Joe Greenan, who became a lawyer, now living in Calgary; John O'Connor, now pastor of St. Helen's, Toronto; Bernard Doyle who died as pastor of Orillia, Cecil McNeil, who died as pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, Vancouver; and myself. We felt quite proud of ourselves, and the staff felt proud of us. After dinner we were invited into Father Kelly's office. Father Carr and Father Dan Meader, C.S.B., were also present. I remember a remark of Father Kelly which impressed on me the uniqueness of the situation. He said: "At the present time there are in this room more Catholic B.A. graduates of the University of Toronto than all other Catholic graduates in its history."

That remark said a great deal. Such a statement from one who should know will give you some idea of what a break-through the Class of 1910 made in the field of Catholic education in Ontario. You know what the present situation is today with Catholic university graduates coming from St. Michael's every year by the hundreds. Likewise there are now in Canada

and the U.S.A. many thousands of Catholic university graduates from St. Michael's and from other universities of Ontario.

But at that time the situation was quite different. For example, in my home town of Barrie, a county town of about 8,000 there was not a Catholic teacher on the collegiate staff, nor was there a Catholic lawyer, dentist, doctor or engineer in town, nor was there a Catholic mayor or alderman. I believe this was typical of conditions across the Province at that time. What contrast to today!

I suppose it was the partial realization of this vision and possible accomplishment which under God's guidance prompted me to decide to do what I could as a Basilian to promote this objective. The harvest was indeed great and the laborers few. That was evident. In fact I had very privately made up mind the year before to go to the novitiate.

One day the Superior, Father N. Roche, on behalf of Archbishop McEvay invited me to go to Rome to prepare for a place on the staff of St. Augustine's Seminary, which was in the planning stage at that time. I did not think, however that this offer was sufficient reason to change my mind. I may add that Father Roche's influence was, if anything, in favor of my going to Rome. At least that was the impression he gave me.

Before closing this section I would like to record a remark my father made when I told him I wished to go to the Basilian Novitiate to become a priest and teacher. "Well", he said, "there is one good thing about it. You will



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never have to ask the people for money." How fortunate it was that he could not see the future!

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LENTEN REGULATIONS AND CUSTOMS

When I was a boy Lenten Regulations were stricter than they are today. All days of Lent except Sunday were "fasting days". We called them "fast" days. That meant one full meal a day, one half meal, and a 2 oz. snack for breakfast. Wednesday as well as Friday was a meatless day. On other days meat was allowed at one meal.

With few exceptions all Catholics between the ages of 21 and 60 were bound to fast. All over 7 years of age were bound to abstain as long as they lived. Ask your grandmother and she will tell you that these regulations were well observed.

She may also tell you that many people went beyond these regulations in the practice of penance. She may tell you that she knew some who held Saturday as a meatless day the whole year round. My grandmother did.

Your grandfather could probably tell you how he "gave up" smoking his pipe and cigars during Lent. By the way, cigarettes were "out" in those days. They were not considered respectable until the First World War. Many adults took their tea straight during Lent. Some found they liked it better that way and never went back to cream and sugar. It was not uncommon for children to "give up" candies during Lent. They were just as anxious as usual to receive the sweets, which were treasured until Easter.

All these practices were self-imposed and beyond the official regulations.

One last custom I would like to mention. It came at the end of Lent. I mean, watching the

sun dance on Easter Sunday morning. On a clear day the rising sun is, of course, too bright to look at. We used to take a piece of ordinary window glass and smoke it black over a coal oil lamp. Looking through such a protection the sun did appear to move from side to side. I am inclined to think you can see the same thing any bright morning under similar conditions. I never tried it any day except Easter Sunday.

St. Pius X Parish, Calgary,
Lent, 1966.

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

P.S. Hope I have above "regulations" correct.
If not, please make them so.

M.J.O.

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Michael J. Oliver
April 25, 1966

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St. Mark's College
5960 Chancellor Blvd.
Vancouver 8, B.C.
April 25, 1966
The Feast of St. Mark.

Dear Father Scollard,-

Reporting from Vancouver which I reached today on my way back to Calgary. Have had a very interesting trip to Texas and Mexico City.

I expect, however, that I shall have to give a talk to the Catholic Women's League when I return to Calgary since they gave me the ticket. This is where you come in. I need some colored slides of the Mexican Missions and our parish in Mexico City, also other points of interest such as the Basilica, Cathedral, etc. You may be able to locate some in Toronto. I am told that Mr. Brisbois, Chairman of the Separate School Board. I understand he has been a frequent and enthusiastic visitor to Mexico City and our work there and has many slides. These slides would not need to be of our parish only but of anything of interest. I would return them to him after the lecture. Anything you can get should be sent to Calgary, i.e. 2424-24th Ave. N.W.

Hope to get back to memoirs when I settle down.

Y_ours fraternally in Christ,

(Urgent)

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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Michael J. Oliver
May 18, 1966

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Saint Pius the Tenth Parish
2420 - 24th Avenue N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
May 18, 1966.

Dear Father Robert.--

Many thanks for the help re the Basilian leaflet and its prompt return. You are on the list for copies as soon as published.

I have received some colored slides from the Basilian Press and some also from Father Robert Hall. The talk is to be given tomorrow evening and so they are just in time. Thanks again to you.

In your remarks re parish men in the Windsor area I infer that you consider the pastor at his desk as the proper place for him. Some would hold that to be out among his flock is equally if not more fitting.

With best wishes to you and the confreres.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

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Michael J. Oliver
October 3, 1966

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Cenacle Retreat House
3689 Selkirk Street
Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada
Oct. 3, 1966.

Dear Father Scollard.-

I appeal to you as a reliable agent. I want a short article - from 200 to 250, not more than 300 words - on Simon Fraser. This is for the 1967 Catholic Directory. It should be here before the end of October.

You could do it or Terry McLaughlin or perhaps the parish priest where he is buried. Terry knows; but I don't know if Terry is now in Toronto.

Hope to have the copy for the Directory with the printer by end of the month. We are all well at St. Mark's.

Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J.O.

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Michael J. Oliver
October 12, 1966

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Cenacle Retreat House
3689 Selkirk Street
Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada
Oct. 12, 1966.

Dear Father Scollard.--

Many thanks for your prompt reply and enclosed information re Simon Fraser.

Am busy with the Directory and with the "Vancouver Chapter" for Father E.J. McCorkell's biography of Father Henry Carr.

To show you are not Forgotten (re memoirs) I enclose something I wrote for St. Pius School paper in Calgary.

With kindest personal regards to the Household.

Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

P.S. Am chaplain at above. I live in a cottage at the rear. Quite comfortable. Tell Father Wey I got my second wind. Had - thank God - three Masses last Sunday and expect same for two Sundays more. M.J.O.

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Michael J. Oliver
December 1, 1966

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3689 Selkirk Street
Vancouver 9, B.C.
Dec. 1. 1966.

Dear Father Bob.-

Many thanks for your letter Nov. 28 and for the Owen Sound news. Surprised and sorry to hear of the death of my friend Joe Dwyer, S.J. There were four priests in his family, now all dead.

Am pleased to repor that today I took the page proof of the Directory to the printer. If all goes well it should be delivered about Dec. 15, which is nearly two months earlier than before. I must now prepare for the distribution since I have no secretary. See enclosed. I must also bill the advertisers. Am sending a copy to each of the Basilian houses.

Father Mulligan, Montreal, who is editing the Canadian Catholic Centennial writes me that he expects it will be ready today. I gave him a chapter on Father Henry Carr, which is the B.C. contribution.

Father E.J. McCorkell expects me to do the Vancouver chapter in his biography of Father Carr. Have some done, but the Directory rates priority until it is delivered and paid for. However, I haven't forgotten the "memoirs".

Regards to all the Brethren

Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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E. Arthur Roberts
April 29, 1965

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Assumption University
400 Huron Line
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Dear Father,

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal I gave to Father Daniel Mulvihill to forward to the Curia.

The House of Studies is quickly shaping up with the exception of the chapel art work. My friend, Yosef Drenters, hasn't come through yet. This won't hold anything up however. What we really need is a name for the place.

I was pleased with the results of the elections in Eastern Canada and Western United States. I hope the system works. It's a step in the right direction.

The rumors and uncertainty of my position because of Father Francis O'Neill's appointment have made life pretty miserable for the last few months, but things are gradually correcting themselves.

Father Alexander Grant's address is - Immaculate Conception Church, c/o General Delivery, Cottonwood, Arizona.

Thanks for the crest.

Art Roberts, CSB

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Robert G. Ritz
May 3, 1965

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
May 3, 1965

Dear Father,

It was a pleasant surprise receiving your recent letter. My year here (fast drawing to a close) merely two weeks of classes remain, has been most pleasant (perhaps too much so; wandering around the Puerto Rican district for at least a few hours each week seemd almost a necessity). Teaching French and Spanish and working with Father Leo Klem have been very gratifying and even enjoyable. I may, however, be of some use in Texas and Mexico where - it must be admitted - I do feel very much "chez moi"(!) This doesn't mean, nevertheless, that it will be any less difficult saying "A diós to my elderly and often ailing aunts and uncles here in town.

A concerns the Charbonnel letters, Father: Back in 1951-52 (during our fourth year of Theology) Terry Forestell gave me them to transcribe. I had the impression they were from the Annonay Archives. No one has used them for historical writing during all the years of my possessing them. No translation was ever made of them either. Receiving a copy of such would please me very much and serve as a memento of "la douce France".

Today Father Charles Lavery became a naturalized American. Like the Mexicans, we use any pretext for celebrating - but this certainly was reason enough, eh?

Yes, Dorothy and family intend coming up, "Deo volente".

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Regards to all the confreres.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Bob.

(Letter written by Father Robert Ritz to
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of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Allen J. Genca
May 10, 1965

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Basilian Fathers
5959 Broadway
Gary, Indiana 46409
May 10, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Just a note to apologize for not having sent in my three book reports for the Junior Clergy exams. I've been very busy and am right in the midst of working on them and trying to prepare for three final sets of exams here at Andrean. I hope to have things finished very soon so I'm asking for a little 'extra' time to complete them. I know you will understand. We have quite a few discussions here on Theology, Liturgy and Pastoral work.

By the way, Father Scollard, do you have a copy of the text for "Concelebration in the Roman Rite?" I would sure appreciate a copy for the rubrics, etc. as we would like to have it here for retreat, if possible. I will return it as soon as we can stencil a copy. Thanks for your help, in this matter.

How are the Novitiate applications coming? I hear there are not too many and that we are scheduled to lose a few scholastics from the South? Drop me a line if you get a chance, but I sure would appreciate something on the "Concelebration" if at all possible. I understand the Seminary has it as almost a daily occurrence.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Allen J. Genca, C.S.B.

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Gerald F. McGuigan
May 11, 1965

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London House
(The Dominion Students' Hall Trust)
Mecklenburgh Square, London, W.C.1.
May 11, 1965.

Dear Father Scollard,

Greetings from London. All is going well. The confreres have been arriving on schedule. I have been checking them out from our London headquarters as they have come through. This is going to be quite a summer here. I'd better hide if I expect to get some work done.

I've been brought pretty well up to date as to events in Toronto. In addition I received a letter from Jack Madden which was quite newsy. Have been having some long talks with Mike Sheehan about the state of the world etc. We had an interesting time. We went to dinner in a darkened cellar restaurant on the edge of Soho.

I have one problem (one at least that can be solved by you). I need a new Litterae Commendatoriae. The one I have has expired. Would you have Father Wey sign one and send it on to me? Thanks.

I had a wonderful trip to the Holy Land. It was the best two weeks I've spent anywhere at any time. We were in Jerusalem for all of Holy Week. I was spiritual director of an ecumenical group - a mixture of fifteen Catholics and ten Anglicans. It went very well.

Thank you very much for the flow of information you keep coming in my direction and the thoughtful notes you attach. I appreciate it very much.

The book is going very well. I've received considerable encouragement from Professor Easter-

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brook, Head of the Economics Department in
Toronto, who is reading the manuscript.

Good by for now and thanks again.

Yours in Christ,

Gerry McGuigan.

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the general archives of the Basilian Fathers
in Toronto)

George Di Giovanni
May 17, 1965

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Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your note. My precise address is as follows: Alban-Stolz-Haus, Reinhold Schneider Str. 37, 78 Freiburg i Brsg.

As you know, however, my plans for next year are very flexible. I am here more to study German and investigate than to settle permanently. In any event, I must be back in Canada by August to meet some fellowship requirement. Therefore, the address above will be good to reach me only until the end of this July. Afterwards, I do not know yet.

Would you please remind Father Fischette that by the beginning of next month, I shall need Mass intentions.

In Christ,

George DiGiovanni, C.S.B.

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George Di Givanni
May 27, 1965

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Dear Father Scollard,

Re your queries here is the best that I could do:

1. Re. Detwolt, you may direct your questions to
Der Katholischen Diözese Osnabrück, Osnabrück,
Germany. From there, they'll direct the letter
where necessary. Write in English, they'll
understand.

2. There is in Germany a Handbook of Statistics
published every two or three years. Here's
the title and publisher: Statistisches Jahrbuch
der Katholischen Kirche in Deutschland, Verlag
Bachem, Köln. You can order it through Buch-
handlung Herder, 78 Freiburg i. Brsg., Bertold
Str. 22. Approximately D.M. 30.

I acknowledge the reception of 56 Mass intentions
from Father Fischette. Since I'll have to be
back to Canada in August I'll give a report to
Father Fishette in person of what I am doing. My
German is good enough that I can understand most
of the lectures. I passed my entrance examination
and I am regularly enrolled. I am also taking a
special course in German for foreigners at the
University. I doubt, however, that I'll stay
here for my doctorate. The philosophy depart-
ment is not that good and I am not sure that it
is worth the effort learning a new language just
to write a thesis. I'll probably set up a deal
between Toronto and more than one university here
in Germany. So I can have my cake (a sure degree
in two or three years) and eat it too (enough
variety of universities).

I am sorry to hear about the scarcity of vocations.
I think that America will soon be like Europe:
fewer priests! Now we have to choose: go on
working as if we had many priests, or change our

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approach in education so as to be effective even with fewer members.

So, that's all for now.

In Christ,

Giorgio

(Letter from Father George Di Giovanni. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Ronald S. Pazik
October 7, 1965

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Conde del Valle de Súchil 7
Piso 3 - 10
Madrid 15, Spain
Oct. 7, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

One reason for which I had not written to you sooner, up to the present moment I had no permanent address. Now I can tell that I finally after many weeks of search have found a place to stay. Because of the intense interest in Spain of recent years, Madrid has fallen victim to a housing shortage. At first I had tried to stay at a clergy hostel or a colegio mayor (a university residential college) but all these places had been booked well in advance. Finally I found an apartment suitable for my needs of privacy and quiet. Rent is high (not by our standards) but it is one of the few advisable places to stay. Few Americans, other than undergraduate students of Junior year abroad programs and some who are doing M.A. work through New York University or California, Purdue, Marquette or Middlebury come to Madrid to study. The pension is ideal for them. They can share a room with another person. Private rooms in pensions are just not readily available.

After going through government red-tape for registration at the University I can understand why so few wish to do any work at all here in Madrid. The National Ministry of Education controls the registration of foreigners at the University. The Master's Degree must be convallidated by that office. In addition to that particular phase of registration there are several other legal problems to contend with. First all documents presented by the petitioner must have

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three legalizations: 1) from the country of origin, 2) from the Spanish diplomatic corps of the country in question, 3) the Ministry of External Affairs here in Madrid. Finally all these documents must be translated into Spanish by the official translating service of the Spanish Government. When the year of study is over I hope to be able to get a director for a thesis. Students here tell me that this the greatest and almost insurmountable barrier, since it must be done personally by the student who must himself make contact with a professor to see if he is willing to direct the thesis and if he is interested in the topic which the student wishes to pursue. Then armed with a letter from the professor he must go to the Dean of the Faculty and present the topic and professor to him and he at his discretion approves or disapproves of the topic. While there is not time limit restricting the deadline for presentation of the thesis, one must guess whether or not the professor has a life expectancy of reasonable length. This is not just physical life since four professors were dismissed last year because of some activity of theirs which was not deemed favorable by the government. You once asked me whether this would mean a degree for me. I can honestly now say I do not know. There are far too many ifs and too many intangibles to ascertain the final success of this venture. But here I am for the 'duration.' See my address on the outside. My phone number is 257-30-05

Sincerely in Christ

Ron Pazik, C.S.B.

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October 12, 1965

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Madrid, Spain
October 12, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Our letters just missed. Shortly after I mailed my letter to you, yours arrived here in Madrid. From my letter you now know my address for the duration. While I'll repeat the address on the outside of this letter, I'll put the phone number right here. I do not know what the area code is, but nonetheless it would not be wise for anyone to make anything other than a person to person call. The Spanish telephone system is notoriously incompetent and it would be a total loss to try anything other than a person to person call. The phone number is 257-30-05.

The closing of Erindale sounds a little like double indemnity, but I suppose they must feel it's worth the price. Before I had left Windsor there were some rumors that the House of Studies there was to be shared by the Sacred Heart Fathers. Did that rumor ever materialize? Really with ecumenism as burning an issue as it is, I should think there could be some kind of co-operation of such a sort between religious and diocesan clergy alike. In many cases, duplication could be avoided and maybe a good staff could be assembled from the resources of the group.

While I am taking classes there are still some formalities that have to be concluded. Convalidation (acceptance of credit work from foreign universities) has to be done through government agencies, who like their counterpart in any other country in the world, always lag interminably with the completion of forms, etc. The procedure is quite complicated, most irritating and an

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utterly exasperating one. It is a condition sine-qua-non, my acceptance presently is only conditional. Only after it has received final approval will anything I do, count. My hope is that they will accept the previous studies without too many reservations.

I should very much appreciate getting The Basilian Teacher. If you have any good connections in that area, will you see what you can do for me?

While I was in Paris, I visited our men and was very surprised to see Father Leonard McCann's physical appearance. After a year at Annonay, he's frightly gaunt looking. He seems to have lost much weight and to have aged, at least in appearance, considerably. Leonard was never one to complain, but I do not think he's very happy in Paris. Appearances can be deceiving, but in this case I'm sure he's not the least bit at home there.

The weather here over the past three weeks has changed. It is cold, wet and damp. They did have a severe drought until this weather set in. In case you didn't know it, Madrid does get quite cold in the winter months.

Thanks for the newsletter and other information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Ron Pazik, CSB

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Ronald S. Pazik
December 8, 1965

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Madrid
December 8, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

All the mail you sent has reached me and I am most grateful for your kind attention. While you report that several confreres are ill I do hope that you continue to enjoy reasonably good health. My prayers are being offered for our sick and I do hope that God sees fit to spare them.

I hope you don't mind if I bore you with details about my studies in Madrid and I would kindly request that you pass them on to Bob Fischette.

First of all, my registration at the University is provisional. Since the government is entirely in control of education, final approval must come from the National Ministry of Education. After a "bout" of about four or five weeks I managed to satisfy the Ministry with required documents, notarized by Canadian, American and Spanish officialdom. Later a translation of the many documents also duly notarized was submitted. What remains in question is the evaluation of such documents by the Ministry. There has to be a convalidation, i.e. in order to satisfy the university that all documents are in proper order, the government must give definitive approval. However, it is also a matter of whether or not the Ministry will grant to me acceptance of my Master's Degree as equivalent or at least commensurate with the Spanish Licentiate. Here is where I am sure there will be trouble. I'll try to explain why. The courses the University requires that I take, are courses which presume prerequisites have been satisfied. If the Min-

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istry decides that the Canadian Master's Degree is not equivalent to the Spanish Licentiate, the University will then require that I make up the difference, whatever the difference be as designated by the Ministry. It may mean doing the Quinto-Especialidad which I could not at all carry. The Quinto-Especialidad would be a whole program of six courses of the last year of the Licentiate or courses which would be counted for the final year of the Licentiate. After seeing the Licentiate program here, i.e., the whole five years, there are many courses which I have never had in my undergraduate and postgraduate work and it scares me to think of what they might decide that I should do. In the final analysis however I can come out with five courses which I am taking accredited by the University of Madrid, but without getting any degree or being eligible for one until other requirements have been satisfied. My only hope for a degree then would be founded on the possibility that some American or Canadian University would accept the credits earned here. If it sounds complicated to you, let me assure you it is. I have spent more time in University and Ministry offices trying to get through the mess than I have doing other more important things. One thing is certain, I will have benefitted from the experience of having lived in Spain and having had personal contact with Spanish life. The sad part is that I am growing older and my energies are not as great as they were ten years ago. It was after the M.A. that I should have gone on to continue my studies. That ten years has been a serious lapse in the continuity of credited work. Now, trying to re-

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cuperate losses is a Herculean task. However, I am enough of a pragmatist to be content with what is within my grasp at the present, and I hope to avail myself of the opportunity however small and lacking in prospect it may be.

One thing I do know for certain is that Madrid can get to be a pretty chilly city in winter-time. Although it did not stay to see itself cover the ground, snow fell today and the temperature hovered at the freezing point. One thing I do not have to worry about is suffering from the cold in the apartment I am in. It is on the inside of the building and very snug.

Thanks again for keeping me informed of community affairs and the health of the confreres. Thanks too for having the Basilian Teacher sent to me.

Sincerely yours

Ron Pazik, CSB

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Ronald S. Pazik
March 14, 1966

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Madrid, March 14, 1966

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you very much for keeping me so well informed about Community matters. While I was at home I was not that well informed of matters in the Community. Perhaps I did not examine the appointments very closely, but I really found nothing very startling nor surprising about them except for special appointments which looked rather enigmatic.

I am still caught up in the net of government red tape. There isn't much I can do about it, except wait patiently. There is a Belgian in one of my classes who spent one year and a half just trying to get his approval of former studies. An American nun received an answer the other day which was most discouraging because they required of her a good number of make-up courses. If I get nothing else out of it I will at least have the year in Spain and the courses which I have taken even though they will not be applicable toward a degree. Rumor has it that the Ministry is tightening up on regulations especially regarding foreigners. It seems that some who received diplomas from Madrid in medicine returned to their own country and practiced medicine. This has resulted in more strict regulations and such re foreigners.

The Ministry now requires of me the University Calendar covering the program and years I attended University. About a week or so ago I wrote to Don Finlay at the Seminary asking him to get hold of this material for me.

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March 14, 1966

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With people leaving and the inevitable deaths I hope we can keep apace with new recruits. I do hope that Father Wilfrid Sharpe is feeling better. He's a grand old man.

By the way, before I left Windsor I surrendered my license to officiate at marriages, as required by Ontario law and the banns forms I had in my possession. My number was 20494. I wonder if you could start proceedings on restoring my number. If there is anything I must do please let me know. The latest date for departure from Spain would be the second week of August. Thanks again for your many kind favors and news items. I appreciate it.

Sincerely in Christ,

Ron Pazik, CSB

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Ronald S. Pazik
June 11, 1966

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Dear Father Scollard,

You are well up on all community news. Thank you for your constant stream of information. It's too bad so much of it is bad news. As you know I too had my share of bad news. My sister was 36 years old. She died shortly after heart surgery.

Well, my situation is as it was, nothing has changed since the Ministry continues to ask for stupid documents and university catalogues of which pertinent sections have to be translated into Spanish by the Spanish Government translators. Although I have now officially finished my courses and have excellent marks in all of them, I cannot do a thing except to wait. The documents are still pending translation and examination by the Ministry. However, if I am to judge from the experiences of other Americans who already have thier answer NO, I don't imagine my case will be different. It isn't exactly that they say no but they make a subject by subject comparison of the Spanish Licentiate with the undergraduate and post-graduate courses. If they do not match exactly, the petitioner must make up the subjects that differ. Hence an American nin was required to make up 19 subjects another must do the entire Licentiate. It is sheer European and Spanish haughtiness and the fact that a degree is a license to practice on this continent. Thanks again for all. Should be home, answer or no answer, second week of August.

Ron [Pazik]

P.S. I shall stay in Madrid until about mid-July then I shall head for France, probably spending at least a few days in Paris and on to London and New York to visit with my brother and finally home.

Edward X. Roman

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June 4, 1965

St. Charles College
258 Pine Street
Sudbury, Ontario
June 4

Dear Father Scollard:

I appreciate the interest you showed in the history of Adjala (St. James Parish). It seems to be well on its way.

Father Attallah invited me to speak to the people back in March when he was first laying plans for the centennial celebration (i.e. 100 years since the Diocese erected the district as a separate parish). It was served as a mission for some 35 years before that time. There is an enthusiastic Parish Centennial Committee.

Miss Rita Ryan, B.A., who is the daughter of a famous Adjala teacher, Thomas Ryan, is doing most of the writing. She is on the staff of the local parish high school and I think is doing a very competent job. The people have brought in a great fund of historical materials.

The centennial observance will be a week-long affair leading up to July 25 when Archbishop Pocock will celebrate the Mass - on the patronal feast. You will likely hear more about the arrangements and read about it in the Register. I think it will be the occasion for a real parish "renewal". I hope several Basilians will be there since we have had at least six Basilian vocations from South Adjala. Father Vincent Burke from neighboring North Adjala is a seventh. M.J. Ferguson, C.S.B., Thomas Heydon, C.S.B., M.V. Kelly, C.S.B., John Morrow, C.S.B., Chas.

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Kelly, C.S.B., E.X. Ronan, C.S.B. Of the first six vocations to the priesthood prior to 1900, four were Basilians.

Best regards and again many thanks for your interest and encouragement.

Sincerely

Ed Ronan

P.S. Mr. Francis Kelly, Charlie's brother, is the general parish chairman for the Centennial Committee. He has often expressed great gratitude at your having helped to arrange a parish wake for Father Charles at the Kelly homestead.

E.X.R.

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F. Michael Quealey
June 7, 1965

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Knights of St. Columba Club
11 Landsowne Road
London, W.11, England
June 7th, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

I want to thank you for the prompt attention you gave to my request and for all the news you passed along. You made several interesting remarks in passing which make me wish I were a little closer to Toronto. From not as much the quantity as the quality of those scholastics leaving this year I'm rather deeply concerned. There is at least the possibility that we have been operating too long on assumptions whose validity ceased some time ago. Change is an extremely tricky factor to mix with the principle of continuity yet it is the dynamic which must be controlled and directed if either chaos or stagnation are to be avoided. (Looking at that last abstraction of a sentence I must admit that it's a rather weak cover-up for some very specific reflections) It is true that there are at the moment some very healthy signs of rejuvenation within the community but at the present moment they seem to rank closer to pleasant possibilities than concrete realities. (Wo! I really didn't expect to get into a letter like but maybe it's indicative of the perspective on community problems that I seem to be picking up over here - so I'll send it along and trust that you will at least reserve judgment until I can explain a little more fully.)

I was quite pleased to hear that I would not be held to the Junior Clergy requirements for this

F. Michael Quealey
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summer. However, since you mentioned that the first of next year's readings will be due on December 1st I would like to get working on it as soon as possible. Has next year's list of readings been approved and published yet? If not, could I go ahead and do a report on one of this past year's readings such as The Sacred and the Profane?

I've encountered several people over here involved in Newman Club work and have been giving some serious thought to strategy and tactics on various aspects of the coming year. I hope to write to Father Thomas MacDonald in the next day or so.

Thanks again for the help, Father.

In Christ

Mike

(Letter from Father Michael Quealey. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Richard J. Schiefen
November 27, 1965

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston 6, Texas
November 27, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks a million for shipping me a copy of Father Laurence Shook's letter from Rome. It will prove valuable historically, but for me was even more welcome because of his interpretation of events and accomplishments. It is consoling and makes good sense.

I'm having a delightful year though I find myself a bit haggard under a hectic schedule. I'm keeping my ears and eyes open for opportunities for further study. The picture is not entirely black. If the Lord gives me a normal life-span I honestly believe that I'll finish someday and somewhere. I'm going to move slowly and carefully, however. What used to prove an advantage - that nervous energy which led me to get things done quickly - backfired. Never again.

My bes to all. I'll be in the North over Christmas but doubt whether I'll be able to get to Toronto.

Sincerely yours

Dick Schiefen

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Richard J. Schiefen
October 29, 1966

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006
October 29, 1966

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for the information regarding Richard Grant. He is an extremely fine boy, and God willing, I think that he will make a very good Basilian. Of course vocations are not superfluous down here either. I have personally approached no boy regarding the matter since it does not seem to be the most effective means of attracting them so I can hardly claim credit for those whom I assist with their applications. I feel as always that the best means of encouraging vocations is to accomplish the work which Providence seems to assign in the best possible manner. If we show enthusiasm and joy in our own lives, others will be attracted by them.

Father Alfred Caird says that he will include Joe Courtney's degrees in his report which will be forthcoming, though he insists that these have already been sent to the Council. I believe that Joe earned both a master's degree and a licentiate but I am not absolutely sure of this.

Sam Femiano is a very welcome addition to the staff. He is an exciting teacher and a fine priest. And needless to say, we needed some "young blood".

God knows what my future will involve. I still dream of future study and am constantly looking into the possibilities. Of course this will be determined to a great extent by the manner in which I can best be used by the community. I

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fear that I am presently involved in a little too much so that it is necessary to spread myself a bit thin - three new courses, student council and social life, and a dormitory. I do enjoy it all, thank God, but I sometimes feel that I am chasing myself around in circles.

Archbishop George Flahiff is in town for the weekend. I hope to see him tomorrow.

Our scholastics are a wonderful group this year. I sometimes wonder about their schedule. They no longer have any common recreation at all and I would hate to think of how we would have turned out regarding the community without at least an hour in the evening to relax with one another. Some of them feel a bit like hermits and I personally share their concern. The day arrives soon enough when such a schedule will be forced upon them but at present it is a bit like throwing an infant into the ocean followed by the command: "Now swim!"

Bless you and when the opportunity comes, visit us down here.

Sincerely yours,

Dick Schiefen

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Ulysse E. Paré
June 22, 1965

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Rome, June 22, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

This is just a note to tell you that the exams went well and you can put me down as a Bachelor of Sacred Scripture in the Annals. There was great rejoicing in F.U.R. when Jack Gallagher, Paul Broadhurst and I finally finished exams and got the results (by then Bill Irwin had left). F ther Terence Forestell is with us these days - at least when he's not making the rounds and drinking cappucino's with other Scripture scholars! I think Rome holds few unknown corners for him.

Father Robert Fischette said that you'd send me any news in Augsburg during July. Thanks very much. I hope all's well in Toronto. Please excuse the brevity and disorganization of this note.

Best wishes to all.

In Christ,

Bud

(Letter written from Rome by Father Ulysse E. Paré. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



Ulysse E. Paré
December 21, 1966

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Rome, December 21, 1966

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for your ever-efficient communications over the past three months and for your kind notes appended to the documents. However, I'm including a definite slip-up from the Nov. 18 Newsletter. It should provide you with clear evidence if you wish to plead to Father Wey that you need a few days off!

I was very glad to hear that my fellow graduate students, extra North America, had elected me to the Chapter. I confess to being rather awed by the task of the Chapter but also happy to be able to contribute in whatever way possible. In my appointment to the Rule Committee I seem to detect your hand... I'm happy to serve on that Committee and it strikes me that it is made up of people who should be able to work well together. If the other Committees are as carefully constituted, it augurs well.

My main reason for writing is (unfortunately) to make a request. I did forward my Convention report to Giorgio Di Giovanni and would much appreciate a copy from you. This is one of the rare moments when I can lay claims to be over-efficient.

This will reach you after Christmas, but you will know that my wishes were expressed before the event. I'm sending you my prayers and best wishes for a joyful Christmas season and a grace-filled 1967.

In Christ,

Bud

(Letter from Father Ulysse Paré. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Gerald T. Gregoire
June 28, 1965

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Basilian Fathers
535 - 19th Street South
Lethbridge, Alberta
June 28, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter with the faculty to give the papal blessing.

The school will be closed on Wednesday. This is always a busy, difficult time. There seems to be no end to forms from the Department of Education.

Your notation of the losses of scholastics shows the concern that every Basilian should feel in such an important matter as formation. All I can say is that I shall do my best to carry out the wishes of Father Wey and the General Council and hope that, with the help of God, that I do not make too many mistakes.

Clare Watrin left today for Toronto and ^Uttawa for a course in Guidance at the University of Detroit. The others are going on Retreat Wednesday, which I can't make because of packing and helping Stan Sawicki, the new supervising principal, get a start at his new job. I hope to be in Windsor on the 8th of July. Fathers Gerald Sharpe and Lawrence Lacey are well. Father Sharpe is going east next Monday for holidays. Father Howard Keon is going the same day as I am, next week.

If Father Wey is in Toronto next Wednesday, July 7th, I would like to have a short talk with him. I shall phone Wednesday morning to see if this is possible.

Gerald T. Gregoire
June 28, 1965

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The new co-institutional school here will be called Catholic Central High to the dismay of many. The School Board chose the name which deletes St. Francis Boys' and St. Joseph Girls' forever. The new building to join the two existing schools will not be ready for at least a year.

Thank you again, Father, for your letter. Hope you are well. Maybe I'll see you next week!

Yours in Christ,

Gerald T. Gregoire, C.S.B.

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Joseph A. Trovato
1965

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York 14618
Office of the Superior

Dear Father,

Along with the necessary certificates for Edward Heidt, I'm enclosing a letter which Paul Broadhurst sent to you and which you sent on to me. I enjoyed reading it very much and am only sorry that I haven't sent it to you sooner. Perhaps we should assure Paul that the committee still is meeting and that Father E.J. McCorkell works very hard for the committee. However, from what I hear the format of the rule remains the same ... a far cry from a biblical or liturgical orientation.

We are all well. It's very cool today and for a change I'm in a mood to work so I'd better keep at it.

Sincerely in Christ,

Joe

(Letter from Father Joseph Trovato to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

William C. Marceau
July 5, 1965

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Université Laval
Québec, Canada
July 5, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for the copy of the letter to Eddy Heidt. Am very happy that the Council did accept him. He is a very good boy and, I think, will make a good Basilian. It won't be easy for him, but he does have all kinds of good will. Just dropped him a note. Should be hearing from him during the week some time.

Here is my address for the summer and next year: Maison Marguerite d'Youville, 2700 rue des Quatre Bourgeois, Ste-Foy, Québec 10, P.Q. Telephone: 418-656-6882.

I think that is as complete as you can want or get. You will notice probably that Matt Mulchay and I are on the same street. It takes me three minutes to go from my room to his. Really is very nice. He has been really good to me. Will be pleasant having occasion to be together.

It just occurred to me that you also put in the Annals the degrees of the previous year. So mine was a M. ès A. (French). You can do with that whatever you like. I don't know if you're interested in the title of the master's thesis or not. But just in case it is: Le Stoïcisme de saint François de Sales. The university gave it a "cum laude" which is very consequential at the doctorate. It reduces the required courses by over a half.

William C. Marecau
July 5, 1965

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Yes, I should very much like to find a few more Jimmy Morros. Time will tell. One sure does meet a number of young people who might be likely. Two of my own former students from Aquinas and now at St. John Fisher College are here. And, in fact, might hope for just that sort of life for him. Time will tell. But many thanks for the word of counsel.

Courses started today so best get at a little early spade work.

Best to all the confreres.

Sincerely in Xto,

Bill Marceau, C.S.B.

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William C. Marecau
July 11, 1965

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Université Laval
Québec, Canada
July 11, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Was down to the chancellory yesterday to get my jurisdiction. Did have it earlier in the week but that was temporary.

The secretary, Father Gingras, would like me to have something official attesting my superior's approval of my sojourn away from the Community. I got a little angry because I have had jurisdiction here in the four summers that I had spent here previously. But he says that since I am going to be here during the whole year as an official chaplain in a religious house, it would be better to adhere to the canon law. So I let it go at that. I know him well and he does want to do things properly.

Would you please give me something comparable to what you gave me before leaving for Europe? I did show him that one, but he felt that 1958 was a little too long ago. Sorry to bother you.

Saw Bill O'Brien yesterday over at his place. He's doing very well. Seems very nervous, but I guess it's just his nature.

Paul Glynn has lots of work preparing for his comprehensives at the end of the summer. Cyril Doherty was over here yesterday for a while. Matt Mulcahy leaves tonight for the Maritimes. He and I and Father Mifflin are having dinner together at 6:30 p.m. His train is at eight. Shall miss him. Thanks, in advance, Father, for the letter. Best to all.

Sincerely in Xto,

Bill Marceau, C.S.B.

William C. Marceau
November 27, 1965

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Université Laval
Québec, Canada
November 27, 1965

Dear Father Scollard.

Many thanks for your recent epistles. Have wanted for several weeks now to write and thank you for your welcome bits of news in their varied forms. Rest assured that they're most appreciated, by both Matt Mulcahy and me, in whatever form they might assume.

Was really glad that Jim Rankin got back where he belonged. Just couldn't understand that when I saw the appointments. Feared for the worst for a bit, but now everything is levelled off as it should be. He should do well now that he had a taste of the other and knows that it is the academic work that he prefers.

I can imagine Michel Deglène as superior. Am sure that things will be done very efficiently and with a dispatch that is impossible when "Americans" (in the wide sense) deal with Frenchmen: especially Parisians.

The big fact is that Bernard Forel did get his Propédeutique. That will do a lot for the morale at Annonay. He is a "groaner" oftentimes. If things don't go his way, he takes it out sometime on the others with whom he is. He sure would have been hard to get along with after having missed it last year. Do hope that turns out well. Father Félix Pouzol's sweat and tears are incarnate in that boy. He does have a good head, though, and should contribute positively to the work of the community in Annonay.

William C. Marceau
November 27, 1965

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Be sure that I shall try to visit Father Albert Hurley. Shall find out where Duarte is and we'll do our best to get there. Terry Hunt probably already has a good idea. Am going to write Terry during the weekend so shall put that on our slate of activities during my week there with Terry and his mother. Gad, is that ever going to be a change from the city of Québec. At the moment, we are in the middle of a real Canadian "tempête" that promises us 12" of snow by tomorrow night. Have decided not to go up to the shopping center for the usual weekly tour of the stores.

Matt Mulcahy is in Orillia actually. There is a big family reunion on that he just had to attend. Sure do hope that everything goes O.K. so that he gets back here safely. He is certainly great to be with here in Quebec. We're together at least every other day since he is just across the street. It works out wonderfully.

Again many thanks, Father, for all the savory tidbits. They nearly constitute a gourmandise.

Oremus pro invicem.

B. Marceau, C.S.B.

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William C. Marceau
February 11, 1966

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Université Laval
Québec, Canada
February 11, 1966.

Dear Father Scollard,

Please forgive my being so tardy about getting a word off to you. Felt quite certain that Terry Hunt would have described our visit with Father Albert Hurley. He is very nicely located and well looked after in a little Franciscan hospital. In his old age, he was very humorous. However, I did make the error of asking him too many questions about his Basilian acquaintances. He let me know in short order that it was he who would ask the questions. Actually, we could not distinguish too clearly all the time just what he was saying. Having lost a good part of his tongue in his operation, his speech is very perceptibly marred. However, that didn't slow him down one single bit. He talked on merrily and enjoyed every moment. After about three quarters of an hour, we made a move to leave. None of that for him. We ended up with him for about an hour and a half. It was pleasant.

Don't worry about my setting my sights on anybody's semi-retirement. I have lots of work ahead of me in a thesis that is going to be rough. Am in the middle of the 26 volumes of the works of my author, St. Francis de Sales. Hope to have all of them read by the end of this semester. Matt Mulcahy and I are expecting Father Robert Fischette here on Sunday. It will be good to see him. Again, many thanks for your "petit mot".

In Xto,

B. Marceau, CSB

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William C. Marceau
September 22, 1966

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à Annecy, le 22 septembre 1966

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for yours of September 14. Sorry to be a little imprompt, but have been really busy. Have been at Annecy, site of St. Francis de Sales' Cathedral, his first Visitation, etc. Am actually lodging at the Visitation itself. Yesterday I saw the Salesian archives at the Grand Séminaire d'Annecy. Today at the Archbishop's palace talked with the chanoine Couturier, president of the "Académie Salésienne". Tomorrow shall be at Thorens, birthplace of St. Francis. On Saturday shall say Mass at the chapel of the "Gallérie" for six sisters leaving for India and Africa. On Sunday shall say the community Mass for the Visitation nuns here at the basilica. Have appointments with the sister archivist after Mass to see some of the autographs (manuscripts) of St. Francis himself. They're loaded here with his personal writings. However, the cloister permission is held by only one man, Father Devas, librarian at the Seminary. But I'll get it too before leaving France!

Was at Annonay for profession of novices a week ago yesterday. Enjoyed seeing everyone again. College is certainly improved materially. Father René Robert seems good, but still under pressure because they keep delaying the case. Glad to hear about Billo'Brien's paper. I was happy as a lark for Paul Glynn. He sweated blood. Glad Cyril Doherty did well. Yes, that is my year round address, Father. Am staying in Paris. Telephone number is 642-12-93. Shall keep you informed. Best to all confreres.

Sincerely in Xto,

B. Marceau, C.S.B.

William C. Marceau
December 3, 1966

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à Paris, le 3 décembre 1966

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for yesterday's Newsletter. Am glad that the ordinations are taking place again this year at Christmas. It's better for everyone concerned, except in regard to travel in bad weather.

I can imagine what it is for Father James Murphy in Owen Sound. My own father is just going through the very same ordeal. Yes, it appears that neither hell nor high water will stop Father Jim. He's quite an Irishman.

Four Masses a day here are unheard of. In fact, strange as this may sound, I find many of the Paris clergy to be hyper conservative. Actually, this is because the two camps are gathering their forces here for their big battle. Now that all the hullabaloo regarding the new dioceses is over, the inner-fighting is being prepared. I heard our bishop of Nanterre accused this noon of "intrigant". Never before his consecration had I heard anyone say one deleterious syllable in his regard. Poor bishops!

Thanks for good wishes re thesis. Things are beginning to develop. Just waiting for return of the introduction. Hope Father Sage liked it. Am actually crystallizing first chapter. Best to all.

In Xto,

Bill Marceau.

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Francis D. Flood
July 9, 1965

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Catholic Central High School
6565 West Outer Drive
Detroit 35, Michigan
July 9, 1965

Dear Bob:

I enjoyed your letter about the Toronto affair (meeting of the Canadian Library Association). I belong to the American Library Association, the Michigan Library Association, Catholic Library Association, Michigan Unit of the Catholic Library Association. I went to a Spring Meeting of the Michigan Library Association which was concerned with young adult work and after getting my lunch I looked for a table and found one with five women at it so I said I would like a change rather than eating with men every meal. It turned out that Audrey Biel, head young adult work, was there and insisted that I meet a Marcia Keller, a graduate of Michigan Library School in 1964 and now young adult worker at the Hubbard branch right near the school. I dropped in and saw what she had and she came over and I gave her a tour of my library and introduced her to Jim Enright who is head of the English Department. He has been over and gave her a list of our debate topics. Audrey Biel also insisted that I be at the Young Adult luncheon and meeting as Marcia had a demonstration of a live show which is taped and broadcast over Wayne State radio station in the middle of the month. Marcia is due for another one in November and wants to get someone from Catholic Central on the student panel. All the kids were very bright and the discussion was about a book on United States and South American

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policy, The Sharks and the Sardines by Juan Jose Arvelo, a former president of a South American country. The title tells who is the shark and who are the sardines. The kids were all bright and able to discuss the book and quote other books on the same subject. As the final in their own opinion they all seemed to agree that in spite of the mistakes of the past, the present Johnson foreign policy was correct. I will pick out a bright articulate student that we got from Country Day School with an I.Q. of 140+. When I picked up my ticket I saw that they wanted me to be a host at table 39. I said I would be glad to do so. I went in to see the exhibits and saw that Toronto Public Library had one. I saw an old familiar face, Jean [Macmillan] from Toronto reference. She remembered me from Library school days when I used to look up those Barnstead problems. Then I turned around and to my amazement saw Harry Boone, a classmate who is T.P. Librarian chief. He gave me a short history of his work with Unesco and living all over the world and when Sanderson died he applied and got the job. I ran into Marcia about 11:45 a.m. and insisted that she come in and I would buy her a cocktail as it would be good for her nerves and if I went in alone it would look like I was an alcoholic. After some arm twisting she had a scotch and water while I took bourbon and water. I thought it was a good gesture in public relations. Msgr. Frank Canfield, former head of English and Librarian at Sacred Heart Seminary who is now Rector, gave the invocation and did a good job. A Dr. Armin Gramo of Merrill-Palmer Institute gave a talk. I think he is publishing a book and he is very good and if it comes out see that they get it at the Seminary. So far I don't know the title.

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On our retreat we had a secular priest, Ray Ellis, who was the best I ever heard during the last 35 years. I wrote Archbishop John Dearden and told him he was the best thing since St. Paul and when bishops are considered it might do well to go outside the Irish and look at this Armenian or something Lebanese same as Danny Thomas. The bishop replied and said he agreed with my estimation and made him a pastor (17 years ordained) of St. Cecilia in the inner city where they need dynamic guys. The whole retreat was based on De Ecclesia and he has read all the modern theologians. I have since bought a lot of books for priests' library including those on the junior clergy exams. By the imprint date on those it looks like your theology staff haven't read a book in the last ten years. However, this may be rash. By fighting hard and quoting North Central regulations I insisted on a clerk in the library and finally got a man in January. But he wasn't any good and after more fighting I interested and got a woman signed up for the Fall. I expect to get things done and do more work with students myself. That's about it with me. My niece who went to Toronto for two years and failed graduated last January in Youngstown and taught high school mathematics. She got a good A in practice teaching with a recommendation not to be quite so strict. She taught as a full time substitute in the public school and had three English, three Maths and a study of 70. She had a couple of 22 or 23 year old students and was able to handle them and when she went to the principal for a recommendation he said, "I thought you would be back with us."

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But she is being married July 31st to a Toronto engineer graduate in chemistry so her Toronto time was not completely wasted. She has applied for a job in Niagara Falls, N.Y., but so far no luck and it looks like her mother-in-law to be is going to win out as she wants Mayreen to take a job back in St. Catherine's. She would rather get a little further away if possible and get Joe to come to the States as he would make about \$200 more a month in U.S. as a chemical engineer with two years experience. Bill Gibbons intends to drive down with me on Tuesday the 30th and Jim Embser is taking the Erie to Youngstown from Wellsville and then drive back to Detroit with Bill on Saturday evening. So I will take my vacation then and spend my 25th with Joe and my sisters, etc. I wanted to get out of R.K. and Bill was all set to go along when Dave Heath came but then you took a scholastic away so I am stuck again. All the Xmas conference proved to me is that I shouldn't be teaching high school religion.

Best regards.

Sincerely

Frank D. Flood, CSB

When I saw the address on the envelope, I thought what did I do now. FDF

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto.

N.B. on page 173, Harry Campbell and not Harry Boone became Librarian-in-Chief at Toronto Public Library.

James W. Embser
July 23, 1965

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St. Apollinaris

Dear Bob,

Your letter was sent to me from Detroit. I enjoyed reading the news. I have known the family for many years. They went to Houston when the local Sinclair Refinery moved from twon about ten years ago. The grandfather was a non-catholic, the grandmother a very zealous catholic who died a couple weeks ago. The children were brought up excellent Catholics and this is a result of Julia's fine work. (Julia was the grandmother spoke of above). An uncle (great uncle) lived next door to Embsers for years. We did know that generation. I have never met Philip Jay. The grandfather was Jay Ives.

The atmosphere in Wellsville is not conducive to work. I shall have to wait until I return to Detroit where I can close the door and work for a while. You must continue to preserve for the future the virtues of the past. Does the future, rather the present, want anything of the past. It requires work to get the mind adjusted to the new wording and spirit. I hope you will enjoy a pleasant summer. I talked to Dan Burns yesterday. He seems to have retired from his Bursarship and the Navy. He would challenge mystatement if I suggested he is getting old.

Sincerely and gratefully yours in Our Lord,

James W. Embser.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

J. Francis Mallon
July 27, 1965

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July 27

Greetings from Vatican City. We saw the Holy Father at Castel Gandolfo on Sunday. Met Matt Sheedy in London and expect to see him in Lucerne on Wednesday. In Paris saw Fathers Leonard McCann, Paul Broadhurst, David Megel, Jack Gallagher, Canning Harrison, Gareth Poupore, Messrs. Kenneth McKernand and Marvin Labute. Weather is warm here but it is the first real warm weather we have had.

Regards to confreres.

Frank Mallon, C.S.B.

(Postcard to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

James J. Jordan
July 27, 1965

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University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana
7-27-65

Dear Father Scollard,

Sorry to have been so long in writing but it has been a hectic summer. Besides my comprehensives I had two full courses, one by Father Roland Murphy, plus two major papers to complete. But I am very happy to tell you that I have passed my comprehensives and will graduate with an M.A. (in Theology) on August 6th.

Thanks for the copies of the acceptance letters for the two boys from Houston. It was a tough year. We expected a lot more than we got. (There may be one more yet, a graduated of 57-58 came by the day before I left. We talked for some time and he seemed very interested. Since he knew Father Wilf. Murphy, I referred him to him)

The Basilian scholastics at the University of St. Thomas, and I, have recorded an album of the Catholic Mass. It just came out recently and I'll send you a copy soon for the curial house. All in the South are very happy with Walter Scott's appointment, especially myself. Also, we are very pleased to have Father Jim Wilson as the Regional Representative. This is a man who has been overlooked for too long a time. About all for now. Hope you receive this, what with the mail strike and all.

Jim Jordan, C.S.B.

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Frederick J. Zakoor
Summer 1965

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Baalbeck, Lebanon

Dear Father Scollard,

My stay in the middle east has been a real experience for me. There are no true monasteries in Lebanon for me to visit as you have suggested. I have visited several Basilian congregations here and it is difficult to explain to them that I am also a Basilian. The French Jesuits have a great deal of influence here. I was offered a job to teach here for a year but after I saw the school I decided to return to St. Mary's College in the Soo. So much can be done spiritually for the teen-agers here. They all go to Catholic school but there is something missing in religious training. Father Andy Amloney visited us for a day. Saw Bill Irwin in Jerusalem.

In Xt.

Fred.

(Postcard from Father Frederick Zakoor. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Robert J. Fink
August 6, 1965

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Chez M. d'Utruy
8, rue Léon Cognet
Paris 17, France
Aug. 6, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

My excuses for this long delay in sending in my final book report. That last mile is a tough one. I'm thinking that this new system of book reports might create a real problem that didn't exist with the fixed date exam if others are as negligent as me. In any case I'm an old man now and you won't have to worry about this one any more.

Is it too late to ask for a permission to say Mass on board ship? I sail August 28, landing in New York September 2. Ten days at home will have to do, as I can't report to St. Michael's College later than September 15.

Note the new address. It's a room I've got - for free - for August.

Yours in Christ

Bob Fink

P.S. Making my retreat from the 10-15 at St.
Benoît-sur-Loire.

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Leonard A. McCann
August 6, 1965

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Maison Saint-Basile
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)
August 6, 1965

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your heartening letter. I have sent word to Annonay regarding the Morfin documents; so you should have them soon.

Canning Harrison blew in again last night unannounced on his return from a circular tour of Europe which included Madrid, Barcelona, Lourdes, Zurich and Annonay. For the presente, he is bunking in the library. We are reserving space for George Beaune, Charlie Principe and Tom Joy who are expected here on or around the tenth.

Father Hubert Coughlin's letter arrived in good time and the five Lalondes took off this morning on their European tour. That leaves a couple of rooms vacant; but not for long. Sam Femiano, Mike Quealey and Bud Paré are likely to bounce in about the time George Beaune arrives. It's quite possible that some may be forced to lodge elsewhere. George DiGiovanni is here and getting around Paris quite a bit. I believe he plans to leave us next week. Jack Gallagher has arrived safely in Germany.

Thanks for the Joe Walsh memorial card. It was a nice gesture on the part of the family to have him laid to rest with the Basilians. May he rest in peace! The Basilian Newsletter with the appropriate biographical note and the announcement of Father Peter Mosteller's appointment arrived this morning. He should be a good man for the job and I wish him well.

Leonard A. McCann
August 6, 1965

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It should be heartening news for the General Council and the General Treasurer that the Basilians in residence here this summer have learned to operate the automatic washer and have volunteered to do most of the personal laundry. Michel Deglène has plans for getting a woman to do it eventually. Perhaps he'll have better luck than our predecessors in that regard.

Wishing you all the best and with best regards to all at the Curial House, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Len McCann.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

S. Raphael O'Loughlin
September 7, 1965

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St. Meinrad Seminary
School of Theology
St. Meinrad, Indiana 47577
Sept. 7, 1965.

Dear Bob:

In as much as I am living in a wing with the Passionists and far distant from the porter's office, or any Abbey phone, I have been granted access to the Passionist phone: 357-7672. If the Annals have not gone to print, perhaps this number could be given first, or exclusively, as you wish.

Everything seems to be going along fine. I have a maximum of four lectures, five class periods, weekly. This leaves time to prepare well and take in some of the other lectures. So far the daily concelebration is very satisfying. There will be variety as the biweekly Byzantine Masses will start soon. The Mass in the theologians Chapel is also a bit different.

In Christ,
Raphael

Two the Passionist staff have Basilian relatives: one is Barry Rnakin, dogma, and Paul Boyle, canon law, a cousin of Bill Gibbons.

(Letter from Father Raphael O'Loughlin to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

S. Raphael O'Loughlin
September 5, 1966

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St. Meinrad Seminary
School of Theology
St. Meinrad, Indiana 47577
Sept. 5, 1966.

Dear Bob:

Since unpacking after my return from Washington I have not been able to put my hand on my Annals, but I think that I should suggest the above as a more correct address for me. My mail comes directly to the School of Theology. I also have a phone in my room. The number is 357-7390. We do not have direct dialing so the area code is more a confusion than a help to the long distance operator.

Classes start tomorrow. I have one in catechetics with the IV Theology and a second with III Theology in the theology of preaching. Our enrollment is up from 125 to 168 but my classes this semester are smaller as we are starting an elective system. My main competition is Barnabas Ahern, C.P. I'm flattered to get a reasonable share of the spoils. Dinner bell, so "hasta la vista".

In Christ, Raphael

(Letter from Father Raphael O'Loughlin to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Edward A. O'Reilly
September 14, 1965

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Basilian Fathers
5959 Broadway
Gary, Indiana 46409
September 14, 1965

Father Scollard:

Thank you for the note re Kevin Coffey. The first I knew he was thinking of returning to the novitiate was when he showed me his letter to Father Eddie Brennan and he asked me if he should make the request. I told him that it had to be his decision. Personally, I would think another year at College would not be a bad thing. Father Robie, the Newman Chaplain at Ottawa told me this summer that he saw a lot of Kevin last year. If an 'outside' opinion is thought useful either Father Robie or Father Jack Spratt know him well, as does Father Ryan, Wolfe Island P.P. But as I say another year of school would likely be a good thing.

Gary is a real frontier town. They tell me pay night is rough around here! The students are very open and friendly. We were threatened with a storm that struck south of here tonight. After arriving here it became perfectly clear that history teachers are a dime a dozen, so I am now chiefly a geometry teacher. For the record the last Math I had was in High School. Hope students and teacher both learn a lot! Saw Archbishop Flahiff in Chicago at Convention. Thanks for the note.

Sincerely

Ed O'Reilly

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Matthew A. Killoran
September 21, 1965

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Ste. Anne's Society
1000 Ste. Anne St.
Detroit 16, Michigan
Sept. 21, 1965.

Dear Bob:

There are very few things we are sure of these days but one thing I am sure of and that is that this sheet of paper is 8.5 x 11. I hardly think it should make any difference since it will likely be going into the waste basket and not into the files.

Needless to say I was glad to hear from you. I had forgotten when I received the order of deacon. It hardly seems that long ago but I know you are correct. Many very important changes have taken place in the Community since that day. Little did we dream that the Office would be shortened; the Mass said facing the people and the Vow of Poverty practically done away with. If you mention drawing some of your 120 to some of the newly ordained they feel you are talking a foreign language.

I was glad to hear that you got down to Halifax this summer. It would have been a nice drive by car. Father Hubert Coughlin and Father Ernest Lajeunesse and I motored one year and I think they enjoyed it. At least they said so and you know that after you are ordained you can't tell a lie. At least "not with the intention to deceive". If you had passed through Belledune you would have seen plenty of activity. They are putting up a smelter, a steel mill, a fertilizer plant and a year round port. Since I was home in August I understand that my nephew who lives on our old home has sold it for \$60,000. That

is at least four times its value but all the farms in Belledune are being bought up. They expect to need them for housing when the plant gets going full swing. If all things keep going the way they are now the idea of Belledune University may become a reality.

You asked for news from Ste. Anne's. Honestly there is very little to tell you. We have never received any further word from the Archbishop about tearing down or building up Ste. Anne's Church. The latest news, though not official, is that Lafayette is to be widened on our side of the street. That would take prt of the rectory, hall and convent. The Altar Society asked me how much it was to take. I said according to the present plans it is to go up to the foot of my bed. Needless to say they did not believe me.

We have lost quite a few (I do not know exactly yet) families on account of the new Fisher expressway. Of course they were mostly in Redeemer district but still always came to Ste. Anne's. The fact that the Archbishop did not do anything about fixing the church did not stop it from leaking. All that saved us this year was the very dry summer.

Everything is going along very well here. Father Robert Hall is doing great work so far with the Mexicans. Father Ralph O'Loughlin did not have time for them last year and they were more or less neglected but with Father Hall they are beginning to gather round and the door calls are gradually increasing each day. Father Bernard O'Donnell is not happy here. I do not know what his main difficulty is but he has his mind made up that it is not a good place for any human

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being. He is not too much for mixing and so knows very few people. If he got to know them he would find them very nice. Of course, I know most of them and it is easy for me to meet them and to be interested in them.

I forget if I told you about the lady a few years ago being amazed that I was still at Ste. Anne's. She said we left there sixteen years ago and you were there then. I said, "Yes Father Richard and I are still here." I guess she forgot who Father Gabriel Richard was for she replied, "Oh it is so nice for the two of you to be together."

Father Roger deBilly is leaving for Europe this coming Thursday. He will be away a month. No doubt he will come back with spirituality just oozing out of him. I look forward to several new changes in the manner of saying Mass when he returns. I have one general rule that I quote here, "It is what's up front that counts."

Well Bob it is just about time for the supper bell to ring and it is one exercise that I hate to come late for. Say hello to all the confreres, especially to Father Hubert Coughlin. I was sorry I did not have more time with him when I was up for Father Leo McGrady's funeral. Come and see us some time before they tear out the end of the rectory and my bed is taken away from me.

Best wishes to all,

Matt

(Letter from Father Matthew Killoran to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Daniel J. Mulvihill
September 23, 1965

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Father R.J. Scollard
95² St. Joseph Street
Toronto 5, Ontario

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of September 15th and again thanks for nominating me to be your reporter this year. I hope to find time in the next week to get together a short letter to you including what you want.

Father Grant's address is: St. Anne's Rectory, P.O. Box 334, Ash Fork, Arizona 86320. I have had two or three letters from Alec and he seems to be in good spirits. The arthritis is better but the psoriasis is still troubling him.

Father John Hussey is out of the hospital in Montreal but will not be back teaching until Christmas time. It appears that he has made a good recovery and in the general checkup which he had, they picked up a few other do's and don't's for him to follow. It mainly means a more strict diet and restricted activity for a year or so.

All the other brethren are fine and send you their regards.

Sincerely yours,

D.J. Mulvihill, President.

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Robert T. O'Halloran
September 23, 1965

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Basilian Fathers
5959 Broadway
Gary, Indiana
Sept. 23, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Enclosed is the information you wanted for the Annals. The school year got off to a fine start except for the fact that we are still looking for a German teacher. The one that was hired found the commuting from Chicago a little too much, and I really can't blame him for it is a long trip twice a day. With a little shifting of personnel we should be able to manage somehow. Time will tell.

We have had an extremely wet summer and fall. Too bade we couldn't ship some of it to Rochester where they seem to need it so badly.

Everyone in the house is in good shape. Last week we had a meeting of all the members regarding the dropout problem in the Community, so Fathers John Burke, Joseph Abend and Frederick Sohn could represent the house at the recent meeting in Windsor. From all reports it was a highly successful meeting, one conducted with much charity and understanding on all sides. The parish we are looking after temporarily is very nice. The inside has just been redecorated in accordance with the new Liturgy so it is a real pleasure to go there. The people seem pleased to have us. I only hope that feeling persists.

I hope all are well in Toronto. When are you coming to visit us for a few days?

Sincerely,

Bob O'Halloran, C.S.B.

William A. Coyle
September 27, 1965

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BasilianFathers
1818 First Street S.E.
Calgary, Alberta
Sept. 27, 1965.

Dear Father Scollard;

I am enclosing the information that you requested.

No need to tell you about the weather we are having here - if you saw the game on T.V. on Saturday evening last between Calgary and Vancouver you would have an idea what we have to put up with here.

The High School League began last week, and St. Mary's Juniors and Seniors both won their opening games.

All here are well. We had a nice visit from Ian McRae and Jim Murphy. Father Murphy seemed to enjoy his visit out to the West.

Sincerely,

Bill Coyle.

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Robert E. Power
September 28, 1965

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Dear Father Scollard,

Please forgive our apparently having ignored you. We have both enjoyed very much your remembering us in the Newsletters as well as your personal notes. It is just that we are keeping extra busy these days with some of the local traditions.

Both Richard Ramirez and I helped organize and prepare for a series of pastoral conferences which the theologians sponsored in honor of the seminary feast day. It consumed almost every second of spare time we had for about a month and then came a series of minor feasts and departure ceremonies which have kept us busy up until the date. Thursday being our only free (from classes) day, it seems that we have to have some kind of a party every time we hit a professor's feast day. It would be all right if we enjoyed them but they are usually more work than fun.

The address which you have is correct although it is not necessary to add Seminario Concilio de Mexico. Usually it is not included in the address. We have two phone numbers: 73-22-25 and 73-29-37, both of which are for the use of the seminarians. Since there is a switchboard they serve also for the superiors.

I read in the morningpaper that you are all undergoing another cold spell. I must admit that we are not suffering from the elements. It is usually about 63 ~~in~~ the morning and always goes up from there. At this time of year it rarely gets to 80 so as you can see there is something to the "Eternal Spring" propaganda that the Mexicans publish.

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We are beginning to turn on the steam in all of our classes as exams start on the 12th of November. As usual it will be a foto finish so we ask you to remember us in your prayers. I still get some sticky translations from Latin to Spanish. It is easy enough to translated to English (now) but when I get to tossing three languages around I begin to forget some obvious words.

Well, father, I had better close for now. I still have time to run down to the post office - they don't have mail boxes on the corners. Thanks again for remembering us. We shall try to keep you posted on any important news that should come from here.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob

(Letter from Mr. Robert Power. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

John F. Madden
October 1, 1965

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Friday, October 1

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for the copies of the Newsletter and the note on the back. I do appreciate hearing from you. The phone number here is PARK 5623. That is the club business number. The number for calling the guests is BAYSWATER 4140, but I think that the first is the safer one to put into the Annals.

All goes well in London. I got well started into the work at the British Museum when I was approached by the director of a Catholic Tour Company, asking me to be the chaplain of a pilgrimage to Liseux, Lourdes, Nevers, and Paris. I jumped at the chance and have just returned. I had never thought to get to Lourdes or to see France, but since not only was the whole ten days absolutely free, but I saved my living expenses here at the Knights of St. Columba Club. But it would be educational as well. I thought I should take the chance. I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the shrines, and France as well. What a change since I was through France seven years ago.

I saw Jim Howard today. He was in London briefly and we had lunch together. He has completed his examinations in a very satisfactory manner and heads for home next week, I understand, and he is very anxious to get back. Living in England is certainly very interesting, but Catholic life in England lacks much of the dynamism and vitality one experiences in Canada and the United States. Many English Catholics, as you have read no doubt, are not only not interested in renewal; they would like to hang on to the eighteenth century.

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Many give the impression of not wanting to be bothered with facing the challenge to the Church posed by our changing society. And - if a few short weeks does not completely mislead one - this England seems to be thoroughly irreligious, not anti-, just apathetic. In a recent sociological survey to be published today, it was discovered that regular attendance at services by Anglicans is less than ten per cent.

Well, give my best to the fathers on Russell Hill.

Yours in Our Lord,

Jack Madden

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Lawrence J. Faye
October 2, 1965

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Blessed Sacrament Church
Box 1546
Lawton, Oklahoma
Oct. 2, 1965

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter and enclosures. I Hope that this letter will not be too late to make the Annals. The only change to be made is the phone number. The number is now ELgin 5-2054.

This year at Lawton, I am teaching two Religion classes at St. Mary's High School and do counselling work there also. On two evenings a week I teach Religion to Catholic students who go to public schools. I say Mass and preach a short homily every morning, except Sunday at Blessed Sacrament Church. On Saturday and Sunday evenings I hear Confessions and say Mass at Fort Sill, a huge Artillery Base which adjoins Lawton. I am an Auxiliary Chaplain at the Base. One night a week I take Education courses at Fort Sill which has Extension courses given by the University of Oklahoma. I am in the process of trying to qualify for a teacher's certificate for Oklahoma. In the Summer months, I attend Notre Dame University and take courses leading to an M.A. in Counselling and Guidance.

I live in Blessed Sacrament Rectory with three other priests who are very zealous and a source of real inspiration to me. The Catholic people here are very strong in the Faith and take an active part in the new Liturgy. We are all hoping that more Basilians will be sent to Lawton to expand the Apostolate among the people of Southwestern Oklahoma.

Lawrence J. Faye
October 2, 1965

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Change, re-write and edit the above in any way you wish, Bob. I hope this will be suitable to what you had in mind.

Best regards to Father Wey and all the confreres. Tell Father E.P. Magee that we are looking forward to his visit on November 17th. Also please tell Father John Gaughan that I will not be able to send him any money until next month. I thought that the courses at Notre Dame were \$32.50 a course but they were \$32.50 a credit. The course at Fort Sill cost me \$76.00 which I hadn't counted on. I will try to have my first installment on my tax by early November.

Good by for now, Bob. I am learning to type. I sit in with the typing class and am coming along fine but pretty slowly.

Sincerely in Christ,

Larry Faye, CSB

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Claude G. Arnold
October 3, 1965

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston 6, Texas
October 3, 1965

Dear Father Scollard:

Here, finally, is the information about the Houston House of Studies which you requested for The Annals almost a month ago. I hope you have not been inconvenienced by the delay.

1. The dates of Father Eddie Brennan's retreat at St. Thomas High School are correct as you give them (August 8-15).
2. The House of Studies at the University of St. Thomas consists of two dwelling houses, located on opposite sides of Mt. Vernon Street at its intersection with Sul Ross Avenue. The original residence, opened by Father John McManus in 1961, and now housing eight scholastics (and the Moderator), bears the address 3902 Mt. Vernon. There is a telephone here, which can be listed as 523-3960. The second residence was acquired in the summer of 1964. Its address is 1115 Sul Ross, and it now houses nine scholastics, together with a parlour, community rooms, and the chapel. (You may choose to list which ever you think ought to be called "the principal house".)
3. The single notable feature about the House of Studies, aside from its informality, is the chapel which Glen Heim designed and built with the tireless aid of Dennis Andrews, C.S.B., and Donald Rigamonti, C.S.B. (Physically speaking, it is their chapel as much as Glen's.) It has received great praise from everyone who has seen it, and has made the House of Studies something of a tourist attraction for local priests,

artists and architects. The room has been designed as one unit, of which all the liturgical furnishings - altar of sacrifice, tabernacle, celebrant's chair, lectern, credence table, baldacchino, processional cross and benches - serve as elements. One wall is dominated by a non-representational mural which does not so much draw attention to itself as carry the worshipper's eye round the front of the room, past the lectern, celebrant's chair and altar to the tabernacle, whose presence is subtly emphasized in the chapel's decor by the dark red ceiling area directly above it. The same shade of red decorates the upper surface of the lectern, connecting the two-fold presence of the Word in the sacramental species and in the scriptures. Other than these two coloured areas, and the celebrant's vestments at Mass, the chapel is entirely dominated by the white of its walls and ceiling, and the brown of its unfinished cedar benches and tables.

In many ways, an even finer piece of work has been derived from the basic design of the scholastics' chapel. Glen Heim has also designed, and Dennis Andrews and Donald Rigamonti built, a new chapel for the students at the University, located in what used to be called Rocca Secca Hall, between the Library and the Modern Language Building. This chapel nears completion, and (together with the scholastics' chapel) will be the subject of an article by the Houston architect Howard Barnstone in a forthcoming number of the Basilian Teacher. It is projected that both of these chapels will serve as experimental models for a permanent University chapel, to be erected on the campus within the decade.

So much for the physical make up of the House of Studies. Things are going quite well so far.



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Some of the magic may go out of the marriage, but I hope the union will endure. The new scholastics are impressive, academically and religiously, and appear quiet and dedicated to doing a day's work. Interestingly enough, I can detect no real difference between Father James Collins' products and Father Anthony Lococo's. Had this year's group come last year, I don't think we should have had the kind of problems which developed during the winter. However, time will tell.

Please keep us in your prayers. And tell Father Peter Mosteller we shall be happy to see him any time he cares to come to Houston.

In Christ,

Claude G. Arnold, C.S.B.

The enclosed photograph doesn't quite do the House of Studies Chapel justice, but it has its own interest, and does suggest the stark simplicity of the room. (It is to appear in the Architectural Record sometime this year)

C.A.

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Walter W. Scott
September 30, 1965

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St. Thomas High School
4500 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77007
September 30

Dear Father Scollard,

Sorry I'm late. I listed the changes in local appointments. About three are taken this year by our lay staff and I do not believe that you want those names.

Perhaps you have heard about Bill Duggan's illness. Tuesday he suffered what appeared to be a heart attack. The doctor now says it was a heart spasm. They are taking him out of the intensive care unit today and putting him in a private room, and will now conduct tests to determine what caused the spasm. Would you like to teach some American History?

Sincerely

Walter Scott.

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James E. Martin
October 5, 1965

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St. John the Baptist Church
Amherstburg, Ontario
October 5/65

Dear Bob,

Your note indicates Father Wey "may make some more changes" - let's hope that any changes will help our struggling staff. I came from vacation early in order to organize the Diocesan Development Fund campaign, but when I learned of the changes in the parishes, I almost returned to the Maritimes. We need some help to teach in St. Rose School - a French or religion teacher, or both. Two sisters are teaching full time all the subjects.

I want Father Bernard O'Donnell to buy a "Honda" motorcycle but he is content to walk or thumb a ride for the rest of his pilgrimage.

Why don't you come to visit us sometime?

J.E.M.

(Letter from Father James Martin to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Paul Speck
October 8, 1965

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7860 Webb Avenue
Bronx, N.Y. 68, 10468
8 Oct 65

Dear Father -

My number is KI 8-3005 (Kingsbridge). My work here is going very smoothly. I have three courses in 16th century English Literature and one in the Victorians. I am also taking ten lectures in French translation. The French teacher is great. It looks as though I can finish the work for the M.A. in February. If I decide to stay on at Fordham, I could have the course work for the Ph.D. finished by December 1966.

In Christ,

Paul S.

P.S. I am applying for a grant from the Canada Council for next year. I would appreciate the benefit of your expertise in this area.

(Note from Father Paul Speck to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

John R. Lee
October 10, 1965

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University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Oct 10/65

Dear Father Scollard,

I hope you have not been awaiting an answer to your letter too impatiently. I could have sent you the address you asked for only, but I wanted to write a letter instead. In fact this is the second letter I have started, the first one having been outdated before I got to finish it.

Thanks very much for your correspondence and bulletins. I have been in to Catholic Central to see the community once so far, but one does welcome news once in a while.

I am living at the Darga residence across from St. Thomas Church and school. There is a priest from Ecuador living next to me, studying at the English Language Institute. There are so many priests around now (about fifteen, at least one of them in library science - a C.S.C. Brother) that St. Thomas has little to do with us anymore. Most say Mass at St. Joseph Hospital or else at the Newman Center. We eat out mostly, with the Hospital offering rather decent meals, cafeteria style, in the public cafeteria. I have a refrigerator at my disposal in the hall, and I have become quite an experienced shopper at the A & P for foods that do not require cooking. One thing one learns very quickly is how much it costs the ordinary family to feed itself. I feel compassion for the local bursars that I never experienced before, and on a larger scale for John Gaughan, the biggest bursar of them all (give him my regards).

John R. Lee
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I am carrying a full trimester load of four courses (twelve hours). I am progressing in my anthropology study and enjoy it all thoroughly. I have only one "bug-bear" - Biological Anthropology (Population Genetics) which is far too mathematical and "scientific" for my rusty math and science. Say a prayer for me, since every one of my courses are "musts", required courses for the Master's degree and this is my first encounter with biology of any kind. I appreciate the opportunity the Community has given me and want to do well. I just hope I can keep my head above water in every one of my courses. The other subjects are Archaeology, Ethnology, and History of Anthropology.

Father Robert Fischette no doubt is still travelling, so give him my regards when he returns.

The information you requested is on page one.*
Sorry it is late.

In Christ,

Jack Lee

P.S. Trust you had a Happy Thanksgiving. Ours is yet to come.

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* 537 Elizabeth Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan
48103. Phone: NORmandy 3-6718, Code 313

Robert M/ Fischette
November 3, 1965

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St. Mary's College
Wilson and Wilcox
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
Nov. 3, 1965

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter of Nov. 1 which arrived here last evening. I am sorry to hear about Father Wilfrid Sharpe's heart attack. I hope all goes well during the next few critical days. Also sorry to hear about Len McCann's operation, although the possibility of a few more years added to his life are very welcome.

All went well at Sudbury (I hope my Report reached Father Wey). All goes well here too. The weather has been cool, but not cold, even get some shunshine now and then. Last night, six of us went to hear the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (Heiji Ozawa conducting) at the Hockey Arena here - between 2000 and 3000 people. Good program.

Best regards to all.

Sincerely,

Bob Fischette, CSB

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

John R. Whitley
October 22, 1965

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The Aquinas Institute of Rochester
1127 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14613
October 22, 1965

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.
Basilian Fathers
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 5, Ontario

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your press release regarding the Regional Representatives. There will be considerable local interest in Fathers Leo Kem and Frederick Sohn as Consultants to Father William Gibbons since both are from the city. I will write an article for the next issue of the Courier and include the material you sent me.

In regard to publicity, I have become thoroughly convinced that it is most important for us to keep the name of the school before the public. Here in Rochester we are definitely in competition with the other three Catholic High Schools. If we are to obtain good students we must constantly project our image as a progressive (in the good sense) school graduating articulate Christian laymen who for the most part do well in college and in the business world. With free bus service and comparable tuitions, a boy may choose Bishop Kearney or Cardinal Mooney High Schools over Aquinas without involving any hardship. Incidentally, Bishop Kearney is going all-out to become the No. 1 School in the area and the principal makes no bones about it. The Irish Christian Brothers are presently tops in

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the local sporting picture. They have hired at considerable cost the outstanding lay band director in the area. They intend to win top honors with their yearbook and school newspaper. Currently they have more National Merit Scholarship finalists than any other school in the county. And this year they are operating at capacity enrollment. All the other Catholic High Schools are down in enrollment this year.

I feel that Aquinas has a great deal to offer the young man of today. We have an excellent staff, both lay and religious. Our curriculum is second to none. The overall program of the school develops the whole man. Our fine arts program is a model for the State. But we must continually bring these facts before the public. When we have our drive for funds within the next two or three years, we will not be a mere voice crying in the wilderness, but a chorus shouting to our many friends in the community.

Father Jack Spratt celebrating his 75th birthday last Wednesday. The confreres sang as a birthday cake was brought to the table. Following dinner Father Fergus Sheehy spoke a few words in praise of Father Spratt.

Bishop Casey is back from Rome and probably will not return. His sister had a stroke and probably will not live very long. I say Mass at the Cathedral each morning. The Bishop informed me that next Monday we will have to preach a homily at each Mass.

Sincerely,

Jack Whitley.

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John R. Whitley
November 4, 1965

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The Aquinas Institute of Rochester
1127 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14613
November 4, 1965

Dear Father Scollard,

Enclosed is a clipping from the current COURIER JOURNAL (Nov. 5) which carries the article on the Basilian Regional Grouping.

It is quite general in nature and does not go into the reasons why the change is taking place. I tried to obtain pictures of Fathers Frederick Sohn and Leo Klem but was unable to have them by deadline. I knew you were sending the information to the N.C.W.C. and I wanted the local information in before the Courier received the national announcement.

Unfortunately, two or three lines have been left out (where I put the red arrows) and so only four of the five regions were mentioned. The Courier is very shortphanded and proof readers are a luxury they cannot enjoy. Several times in my sports articles there have been typographical errors and on occasions they have been embarrassing.

The drive for the local Catholic Colleges apparently is meeting with more response than was anticipated a few weeks ago, Industry, including \$700,000 from Eastman Kodak, has spelled the difference. Many people were dead against the drive but now they seem to be getting on the band wagon. I would say, that right now, Charlie Lavery is as big a man as we have in the Rochester area. He is respected as a church leader, as a civic leader and as a personable young man.

John R. Whitley
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The Aquinas stadium is getting a great deal of use this year. It has been used several times by the other Catholic high schools. I think Father Cyril Carter told me there were some 30 games (JV and greshman as well as Varsity) scheduled at the stadium this year. Last week a "Pop Warner" (grade school boys) game was played and televised at the stadium. However, according to Leon Hart, we are not any better off financially in spite of the use.

Sincerely,

Jack Whitley.

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C. Maurice Taylor
October 27, 1965

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(bei Hans Müller)
65 Mainz-Bretzenheim
St. Georgstrasse 24
October 27, 1965

Dear Father Scollard:

After wandering about in the Diaspora it was a real pleasure to hear from you. I feel really bad about not having a phone number. It will throw the whole Basilian Annals all out of kilter, I'm sure.

I finally unpacked and am ready to start into work next week. This week has been spent in running back and forth to various police stations, filling out millions of forms, as only the Germans know how to make things official. Tomorrow I have to go back to the police and then Friday I can register at the university.

You will probably find this bit of historical information interesting. Mainz-Bretzenheim is now a suburb of Mainz, but still retains much of its former village characteristics. The word "Bretzenheim" means "home of the British". It refers to the British Legion of the Roman Army which was settled here about 2000 years ago. A German historian has apparently come up with the discovery that the father of Pontius Pilate belonged to this British Legion and therefore the historian concluded that Pontius Pilate was born here in Bretzenheim. It would certainly make a good opening for a sermon here or something like it.

I arrived here late last Saturday afternoon and said a parish Mass in German the following

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morning. It was probably ghastly but I didn't see anyone get up and walk out. The pastor is a young man of 31 and his curate is about 29. They have been very kind to me so far. I say a parish Mass every morning and have my breakfast there every morning, which is convenient. Their parish is wonderful; the liturgy excellent. No one can sing like the Germans can.

I am living with a young German couple in a new home. My room is very nice; rather stark, but I have a balcony; and a bathroom next door. Three other students, all German, will be living here also. I was informed this evening that I will be allowed one bath per week and that the sheet will be changed once a month, but other than that, it's pretty good. I'm only a ten minute walk from the university and five minutes from the church.

The weather in the last three days has been terrible. Fog so thick I lost my way just going to the church; and so cold I am still shivering. If it wasn't for my Federbett I think I would pack up and go south for the winter.

Thanks again for your letter. I also received one from Father Robert Fischette and will be writing him very shortly. Kindest regards to all the Curial Housers.

Sincerely,

Moe Taylor, C.S.B.

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C. Maurice Taylor
December 10, 1965

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Taylor, Rev. C.M.,
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December 10, 1965

Dear Father Scollard:

The Basilian Annals arrived safely and was (were?) read from cover to cover. I should have looked carefully for mistakes because there must be some somewhere...

I also received the Basilian Newsletters. I very much enjoyed Father Laurence Shook's account of the Council. Now that everything has been wound up, some of the bishops may be hard put to find something to do.

Everything is still under control in Bretzenheim. I just finished taking my weekly bath, always an eagerly awaited event! Now I have to make my supper and then I am going to a Catholic Students' "Verbindungskneipe". It's a kind of fraternity gathering where the members are allowed to bring a guest. As far as I can make out, the gathering consists mainly of drinking beer and singing; all with great ceremonial. It should be interesting at any rate!

The curate in the local parish (St. George's) has been sick for more than a month with pneumonia, so I have been rather busy there. The pastor who is only 32, likes to play liturgical games, so just about every day there is some new twist. Tomorrow I will be singing the preface in German for the first time. (I don't think I'll send out invitations) He has a special Mass every morning for the school children. All the lights are turned out and each

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child gets a candle and then at the offertory, seven girls and seven boys each bring a large candle up to the altar and place it around the altar. I don't know what it is all supposed to signify, but it looks kind of nice and the kids seem to go for it...especially when one girl's toque caught on fire. One day they even had a children's orchestra with drum and guitar and sticks and cymbals and played and sang German versions of negro spirituals. I could almost see Father William Roach shaking his head in disapproval.

I am leaving on the 22nd of December for Engleberg in Switzerland, for ten days. I am looking forward to my stay there but not the trip. I read in the paper the other day that the German railways expect some 400,000 workers from Italy, Spain, Greece, who have been working in Germany, to be returning home for the Christmas holidays.

It is very interesting to compare the Germany that I got to know in the summer as a tourist and the Germany of everyday. Some of the shine and glamour certainly wears off. There is a grave shortage of help in restaurants and stores of every nature, with the result that the clerks and waiters are overworked and not the best caliber and therefore very rude at times. The students, on the other hand, seem to be rather refined and friendly. The worst thing of all is the bureaucracy and the endless red-tape for even the simplest of things. For example, I am not yet completely registered with the police. I have to have a medical and an X-ray and when the results are mailed to me, then I have to go to the police station again (for the 5th time).

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The physical took about ten minutes, but the waiting took almost three hours! I was so exasperated I could have shot them all.

All the best wishes for a holy and happy Christmas and a New Year filled with statistics and surveys. (I know you thrive on such things!)

My best regards to all the members of the Curial House.

Sincerely,

M. Taylor.

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Hubert P. Coughlin
October 29, 1965

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St. Joseph's College
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta
Oct 29/65

Dear Bob:

Thanks for the welcome letter - the first news from the East that I have received. Have had a very pleasant trip so far - a short stop in Winnipeg between planes where I had dinner with relatives and then a very enjoyable week in Saskatoon. In general everything is in good shape there except that they are loudly lamenting the loss of Bob Montague. He is sorely missed in the Newman work which is not being carried on as it was formerly. Fathers Basil Sullivan and Paul Mallon are both slowing up but still very much on the job every day. I took a trip with Gordon Macdonald to the big Saskatchewan dam project and one with Joe O'Donnell to a new potash development. The province is surely moving ahead fast.

I arrived here on Tuesday. Have visited Father Wilfrid Dore a couple of times in the Hospital. They have removed the drainage tubes from the lung on Monday but had to replace them yesterday, as fluid is still gathering there. He is quite impatient to get home and back to his teaching but I think it will be at least a month before he will be able to work. The doctors and Father Montague have quite a time keeping him from work.

The psirit here in the house is excellent. There is great harmony among the priests and scholastics and the latter seem to be in fine

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shape. They are a very good group, although I have not interviewed them individually yet. So far I have encountered great enthusiasm for the Western Region. Apparently they had an excellent meeting in Calgary last weekend.

I was interested in the news about the Goldenberg report and wonder how this might affect the zoning of the property north of St. Clair Avenue West. Is there any word from the University of Toronto about the Erindale property? There are many questions out here about that and the future of the Canadian Novitiate.

I will be leaving for Vancouver on Monday, November 1st, one day ahead of schedule. You might tell Joanne this. No snow here so far, fine weather and sunshine every day. Looks as if Diefenbaker will sweep the Prairies again!

Regards to all.

Sincerely

H.P.C.

(Letter from Father Hubert Coughlin to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Hubert P. Coughlin
November 4, 1965

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St. Mark's College
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Nov 4/65

Dear Bob:

Your second letter reached me here on Tuesday and was very welcome. Apparently there is little communication between this house and Toronto as no one here had heard of Len McCann's operation in Paris or that he was in Canada. We hope that Dr. Charlie Knowlton's opinion is accurate, rather than the pessimistic report of Len's nephew. Will be interested in hearing further on his condition as well as on Father Wilfrid Sharpe. He seemed an unlikely subject for a heart attack but I guess no one is safe in that respect.

I was quite impressed with my stay in Edmonton, the close association of priests, scholastics and students is reminiscent of earlier days at St. Michael's and Assumption. It will be interesting to see the end results of this in the scholastics and on vocations. Personally I am optimistic. The financial picture is still cloudy there but otherwise everything is fine. Father Wilfrid Dore ~~was~~ still in Hospital when I left but much improved and brighter in spirits.

The situation here is quieter and a bit more staid, in keeping with the British traditions of the locale. It seems to be a very contented house, even Andy Maloney is less critical than I have ever heard him. It is a very stimulating group of Basilians with ideas and conversation ranging from Frankie Firth's research to Dave Bauer's Group of Young Canadians, and touching

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all subjects in between. However there is not nearly the close contact with, or influence on, the students that I found in Saskatoon and Edmonton. The boys seem to be rather hard-shelled and indifferent, but the priests are hopeful of progress and even vocations! Will be in Calgary November 8.

Sincerely in Xto

H.P.C.

(Letter written by Father Hubert Coughlin to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Hubert P. Coughlin
November 11, 1965

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BasilianFathers
1318 First Street S.E.
Calgary, Alberta
Nov 11/65

Dear Bob:

The letters have been very welcome as they are my only contact with the East. Thanks also for the other letters - two of them were from Mickey Knowlton and expected an answer so I was glad you forwarded them.

I had a very pleasant week inVancouver. It is a fine house with a good spirit and even Andy Maloney is reasonably content. Gery McGuigan shows great interest in the re-organization of the Community and wonders why there has been so little response to his proposals sent to Father Orsini and The Basilian Teacher.

I arrived here on Monday night and was of course disappointed on hearing the election results. Listening to and looking at Diefenbaker on T.V. did not help matters any. I am part way through my work here and have not yet assessed the situation. It is more complicated than I had anticipated and I would judge that some changes might be in order. I am going to Lethbridge tomorrow and will spend the weekend and maybe Monday there. That will give me a couple or three days more here. I have been up to St. Pius and delivered your message to Father Michael Oliver. He is in good shape but looking for more work to do. The University of Toronto, did it do anything about Erindale? Thanks again, Bob.

Sincerely inXto,

H.P.C.

Bader, Edward A.
December 19, 1965

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British School of Archaeology
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Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letters and the news of the Community. I am sure that you know how much it means to receive news when one is at such a distance. I am sorry that I have not been a better correspondent, but will try to remedy that in the future.

While in Turkey during the months July-October, I was a member of the British Institute of Archaeology in Ankara and that was my base of operations as I worked in Central Anatolia and then down along the Aegean coast. I had the great pleasure of participating in seven excavations which dealt with or touched on my Middle Bronze Age field - at Karayaushan, Gordion, Sardis, Alahan, Pergamum, and Bodrum in Turkey, and Nicosia on Cyprus. It was in connection with the last that I had the chance of a lifetime opportunity to go to the Holy Land, where I saw Terry Forestell and visited the Holy Places with him.

Since the University of Birmingham was digging a new and important site outside of Nicosia and had invited me to join for a while, I had to get there somehow. By student reduction (60%) on airlines, deck passage on ships, buses, bicycle, and foot I was able to not only get to Nicosia, but visit Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt as well over a two week period for \$100. It is impossible to explain adequately, but I can tell you that it was a dream come true.

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While in Turkey - as part of my 15,000 kilometer travels there - I visited Kayseri and Corème, St. Basil's stamping ground, for a couple of days. I am writing a report on that experience for publication if you want it, as well as others about Meteora and Athos here in Greece, and the Seven Churches of Asia (Minor) which crossed my path while working in Turkey. I shall send them to you, soon I hope, as I get the time to put the facts into some type of order.

Since returning to Greece in late October, I have been writing up my findings during the summer, making use of the excellent libraries at the various foreign Archaeological schools and institutes. I am living at the British School, actually a research institute, and making forays to sites from here. My work in Greece and the Greek Islands should keep me busy until mid-April, when I shall return to Aegean Turkey for four more months.

Please continue sending me any and all information on the confreres and the community's developments. My very best wishes to all the curial members, to whom I send the enclosed card. Please tell Father Robert Fischette that I shall send my report of finances and activities soon. Is there a special format required? In the meantime I would appreciate your telling him what I have written you. I am grateful for your interest and your thoughtfulness. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Ed Bader, C.S.B.

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W. David Megel
November 20, 1965

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November 20, 1965

Dear Father Scollard.

Thanks for your letter. I really enjoyed it. I hear now that the Annals are out. I'll be looking forward to seeing them. It's tough being away from the community - not that I miss the news - although that is important - but I miss the confreres. The year is going by fast enough though in fact too rapidly. There are so many things to do - books to read, lectures - you name it. It's a year for much reflection also and maybe this is the most important. Pray for me Father that I use the opportunity that's mine this year.

The lectures for the most part are excellent, Father Durrwell and Father Guellery especially. Father Godin has only just begun and Father Van Coster starts the end of this month.

By the way the address - the date I mean - at the top of this letter is not correct. I sort of resemble the pre-dating that Time and Newsweek magazines use. It's only the 18th, don't know why I wrote 20th.

The Americans have organized a party inviting the other students to celebrate Thanksgiving with us this week. We are doing the cooking, typically American hamburgers and baked beans.

Thank Father Robert Fischette for his last letter. Still having trouble cashing those checks though. It's not the fault of the Banks in Toronto. It's these people here. Sorry I just can't figure these people out. Haven't

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really accustomed myself to the food yet, but the business practices are harder to stomach. I fear for the Common Market. Still they seem to get things done.

I don't suppose I'll write again before New Years so I wish to say Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and the Blessings of the New Year. Please extend my wishes to Father Fishcette, Father Wey and to Father Francis Orsini in particular. Please keep me in your prayers, that I may be faithful to the graces God has a will to give me this year.

Sincerely in Christ

Dave Megel

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